

Break Down

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WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker John Boehner abruptly broke off talks with President Barack Obama Friday night on a deal to make major cuts in federal spending and avert a threatened government



President Barack Obama makes a statement at the White House in Washington, Friday, July 22, 2011 on the breakdown of debt ceiling talks.

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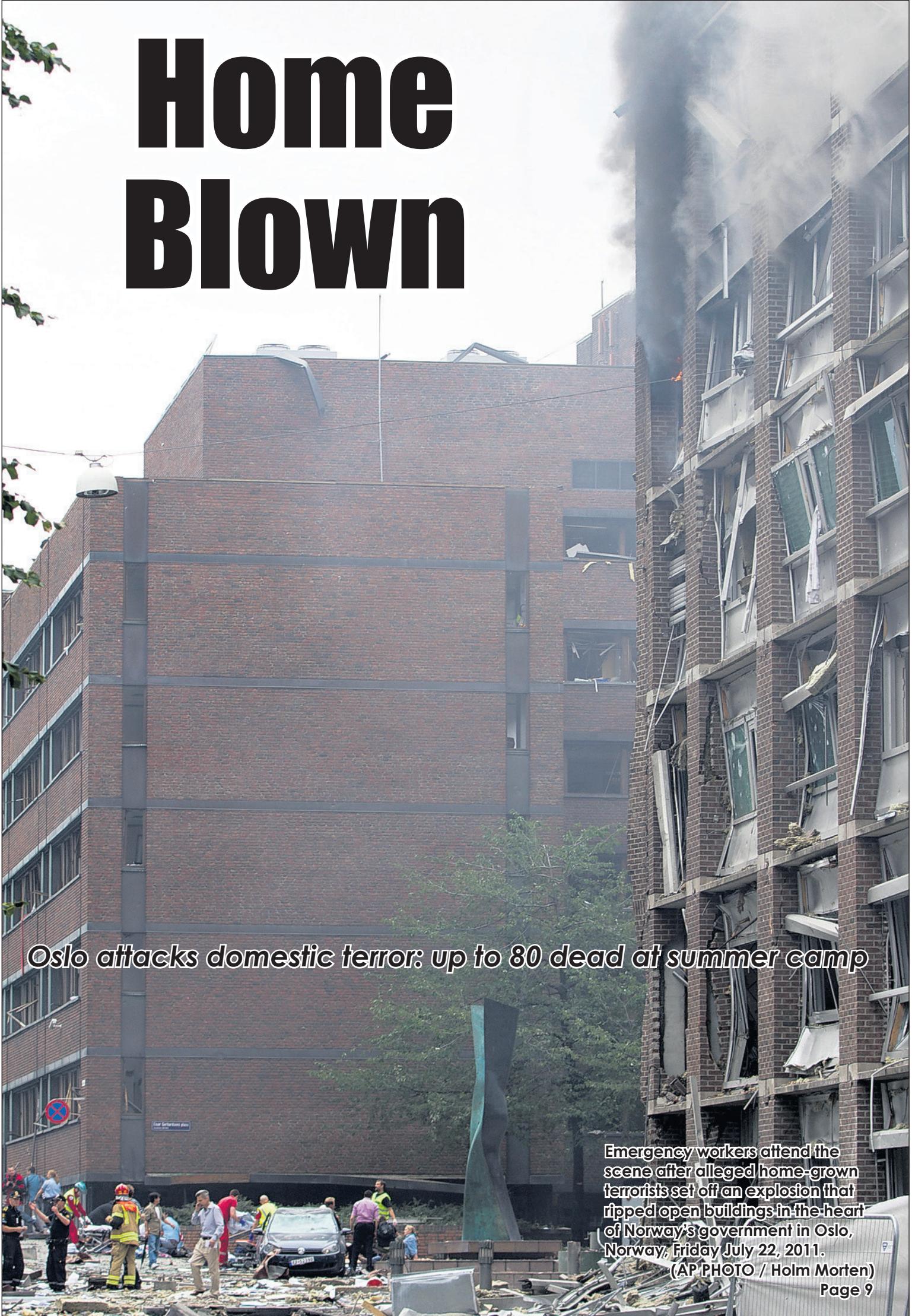
default, sending already uncertain compromise efforts into instant crisis.

Within minutes of Boehner's announcement, an obviously peeved Obama virtually ordered congressional leaders to the White House Saturday morning for fresh negotiations on raising the debt limit. "We've got to get it done. It is not an option not to do it," he declared.

If Congress does not raise the nation's \$14.3 trillion debt limit before the Aug. 2 deadline, the U.S. Treasury will be unable to pay all its bills. Officials say a default could destabilize the already weakened U.S. economy and send major ripple effects across the globe.

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Home Blown



Oslo attacks domestic terror: up to 80 dead at summer camp

Emergency workers attend the scene after alleged home-grown terrorists set off an explosion that ripped open buildings in the heart of Norway's government in Oslo, Norway, Friday July 22, 2011.

(AP PHOTO / Holm Morten)

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Boehner abruptly withdraws from debt talks with Obama

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Even by the recent standards of divided government, Boehner's decision triggered an extraordinary evening as first the Democratic president and then the Republican speaker maneuvered for political position on an issue of enormous national import. For the first time since talks began, Obama declined to offer assurances, when asked, that default would be avoided. Moments later, however, he said he was confident of that outcome.

Boehner, at a rebuttal news conference of his own a short while later, said, "I want to be entirely clear, no one wants default on the full faith and credit of the United States government, and I'm convinced that we will not."

Unspoken, yet unmistakable in all the brinkmanship was the 2012 election campaign, still 18 months away,

with the White House and both houses of Congress at stake.

In a letter circulated earlier to the House Republican rank and file, Boehner said he had withdrawn from the talks because the president wanted to raise taxes and was reluctant to agree to cuts in benefit programs. The disconnect was "not because of different personalities but because of different visions for our country," he said, and he announced he would now seek agreement with the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Obama was having none of that, announcing instead a morning White House meeting where he said he expected to hear proposed solutions from the top leaders of both parties in both houses.

"One of the questions the Republican Party is going to have to ask itself is, 'Can they say yes to anything?'" Obama said.

The president avoided direct criticism of Boehner, although he did mention that his phone calls to the speaker had gone unreturned during the day. One

didn't think his relationship with Obama had been "irreparably damaged." Boehner said he would attend the Saturday meeting at the White House.



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio is seen on a television monitor as he makes a statement about the break down of debt ceiling talks with the White House during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington on Friday, July 22, 2011.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

administration official said the president had tried to reach Boehner four times. Asked about the spurned calls, Boehner said he

Other expected attendees are the House Democratic leader, Nancy Pelosi; Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, and

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell. Private, sometimes-secret negotiations had veered uncertainly for weeks, generating reports as late as Thursday that the two sides were possibly closing in on an agreement to cut \$3 trillion in spending and add as much as \$1 trillion in possible revenue while increasing the government's borrowing authority of \$2.4 trillion. That triggered a revolt among Democrats who expressed fears the president was giving away too much in terms of cuts to benefit programs for the elderly and poor while getting too little by way of additional revenues. "Failing to raise the debt ceiling would do irreparable harm to our credit standing, would undermine our ability to lead on global economic issues and would damage our economy," former Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, a Republican, told reporters during the day. □

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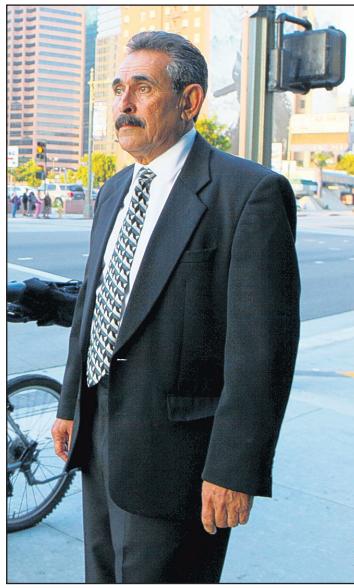
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2 charged in sports fan beating

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two men arrested in the near-fatal beating of a San Francisco Giants fan on opening day at Dodger Stadium have been charged with mayhem, assault and battery.

The District Attorney's office announced the felony charges Friday against 29-year-old Louie Sanchez and 30-year-old Marvin Norwood. Sanchez faces two additional misdemeanor counts of battery stemming from a separate incident the day of the March 31 attack.

Norwood could face up to eight years in prison if convicted, while Sanchez faces a maximum prison term of nine years.

The charges come a day after the men were arrested at their homes. □

US man convicted of murder in 11 deaths

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CLEVELAND (AP) — A man who lived among the rotting remains of 11 women was convicted Friday of killing all of them, bringing closure to a case that has haunted the city of Cleveland ever since the bodies were unearthed from a house that smelled like death.

Anthony Sowell, 51, was convicted of aggravated murder, kidnapping, tampering with evidence and abuse of a human corpse in the 11 deaths. He now faces a possible death sentence.

"We do deserve this justice," said Denise Hunter, whose sister, Amelda, was found buried in Sowell's back yard in plastic garbage bags. "I'm so glad that finally, on July the 21st, that all of our families can rest assured — and all of our loved ones can rest assured — that peace has come to our families."

Most of the victims' families slipped out a side entrance of the courtroom, preferring to avoid making any comment about the verdict. When Sowell was convicted of murdering Tonia Carmichael, who was strangled with an electrical charger, Carmichael's mother and daughter clung to each other and wept as they rocked back and forth in the front row.

The jury deliberated for just over 15 hours before announcing the verdicts. Sowell, dressed in a gray polo shirt and dark slacks, closed his lips tightly, looked straight ahead and barely moved as the first aggravated murder verdict was

read before deputies immediately handcuffed him. Then he sat down, his chest heaving as he pushed himself back in the chair. Most jurors avoided looking at Sowell while the judge read the verdicts. Two jurors wiped away tears and oth-

erwise remained stoic. The sentencing phase will begin Aug. 1. The discovery of the bodies was an embarrassment for the city's police force, which was accused by victims' families of failing to properly investigate the disappearances because

tigations.

Several victims' families filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the city last year. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's niece, Lori Frazier, was Sowell's ex-girlfriend and testified during the trial. Jackson said in a statement Friday that he hoped the verdict brings closure for the victims' families.

The jury sat through weeks of disturbing and emotional testimony as the prosecution made its case against Sowell. They saw photographs of the victims' blackened, skeletal corpses lying on autopsy tables and listened to police describe how their bodies had been left to rot in Sowell's home and backyard.

"Some of it was very gross and, you know, devastating to hear," Hunter said. "But I already accepted peace when we found out about the murders. Some of it I didn't want to know, but peace was already settled in my heart."

The women began disappearing in 2007, and prosecutors say Sowell lured them to his home with the promise of alcohol or drugs. Police discovered the first two bodies and a freshly dug grave in late 2009 after officers went to investigate a woman's report that she had been raped there.

Many of the women found in Sowell's home had been missing for weeks or months, and some had criminal records. They were disposed of in garbage bags and plastic sheets, then dumped in various parts of the house and yard. All that remained of one victim, Leshanda Long, was her skull, which was found in a bucket in the basement. □



Anthony Sowell, left, and defense attorney Rufus Sims listen as Common Pleas Court Judge Dick Ambrose, not pictured, reads a guilty verdict in one of multiple aggravated murder charges in the slayings of 11 women in Cleveland on Friday, July 22, 2011 in Cleveland.

(AP Photo/Marvin Fong, Pool)

ers swiveled in their chairs to look at sobbing relatives of victims.

When the jury left the room, Sowell raised his clasped, cuffed hands high in the air. None of the attorneys commented afterward because a gag order remains in place until after Sowell is

most of the women were addicted to drugs and lived in an impoverished neighborhood. In the wake of public outrage over the murders, a panel formed by the mayor recommended a complete overhaul of the city's handling of missing person and sex crime inves-

Obama ends ban on openly gay U.S. military service

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The ban on gays in the military has stood for nearly a century. In 60 days, after decades of discharges, lawsuits and lobbying, that will change.

ber. But homosexuality has been prohibited in the military since World War I, and for years recruits were screened and questioned about their sexual orientation. Then-President Bill Clinton relaxed the law a bit in 1993, saying the military

benefit a lot of people ... It's been a full roller-coaster ride for me." For Zoe Dunning, Obama's decision was the culmination of a nearly two-decade struggle. The retired U.S. Navy commander won a legal battle to stay in the service after coming out as



Two women, both active duty sailors in the Navy who gave their names as Nikki, left, and Lisa, kiss as they march in the Gay Pride Parade in San Diego. On Friday, President Barack Obama fulfilled a 2008 campaign pledge and formally ended the ban on gays in the military.

(AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

On Friday, President Barack Obama fulfilled a 2008 campaign pledge and formally ended the ban. After meeting with Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the president certified to Congress that repealing the ban would not jeopardize the military's ability to fight. "As commander in chief, I have always been confident that our dedicated men and women in uniform would transition to a new policy in an orderly manner that preserves unit cohesion, recruitment, retention and military effectiveness," Obama said in a statement. "Service members will no longer be forced to hide who they are in order to serve our country."

Friday's milestone was expected to be reached under the repeal law Congress passed in Decem-

could not ask whether service members were gay. Gay service members could be discharged only if their sexual orientation became known. That policy became known as "don't ask, don't tell."

Obama's action means that effective Sept. 20, gay service members will be able to openly acknowledge their sexual orientation. And it opens the door for those discharged over the past 17 years under Clinton's policy to re-apply to the military and possibly serve again. Jeremy Johnson intends to do just that. The former sailor served for 10 years in the Navy before coming out to his commanding officer in 2007.

Johnson, who has been working with a recruiter for months to return to the service, said he was initially bitter about leaving the Navy. Now, he said, "I'm very excited. I think it's going to

a lesbian in January 1993. More than 13 years and two promotions later she retired in 2007.

"The day-to-day life of the military will not change," Dunning said in a phone interview from California on Friday. "However, it will change significantly for gay, lesbian and bisexual service members, who no longer have to live in fear that this day may be the day they get fired or investigated."

At Camp Pendleton, California, Marine Cpl. Jaime Rincon, 21, said, "No one has to be scared anymore of who they are. We can serve our country and not worry about repercussions." Rincon, on active duty, said he was heading out with a group of military friends to celebrate.

Repeal of the ban got mixed reviews from Congress, which has been bitterly divided on the issue. □



Space shuttle Atlantis is towed to the Orbiter Processing facility for decommissioning at the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla. The landing of Atlantis marks the end of NASA's 30-year space shuttle program. The welcome-home and thank-you party for the crew of Atlantis on Friday wasn't dwelling on any sad ending.

(AP Photo/Terry Renna)

Crowd welcomes home, thanks final shuttle crew

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HOUSTON (AP) — It may have been the final big official event of the last space shuttle mission, but a welcome-home and thank-you party for the crew of Atlantis on Friday wasn't dwelling on any sad ending. Despite pending layoffs and triple-digit temperatures, it was a hopeful attitude that filled an airplane hangar with no air conditioning for the traditional welcome home for the shuttle crew. What wasn't traditional was the size of the crowd — in the thousands — and that this was the last shuttle crew, a team that calls themselves The Final Four. But no one talked of an end of exploring space, rather that it was the start of something new.

"This is living proof that the dream is still alive and will remain alive in this little period of lay off," Atlantis Commander Christopher Ferguson told a cheering, flag-waving crowd of thousands.

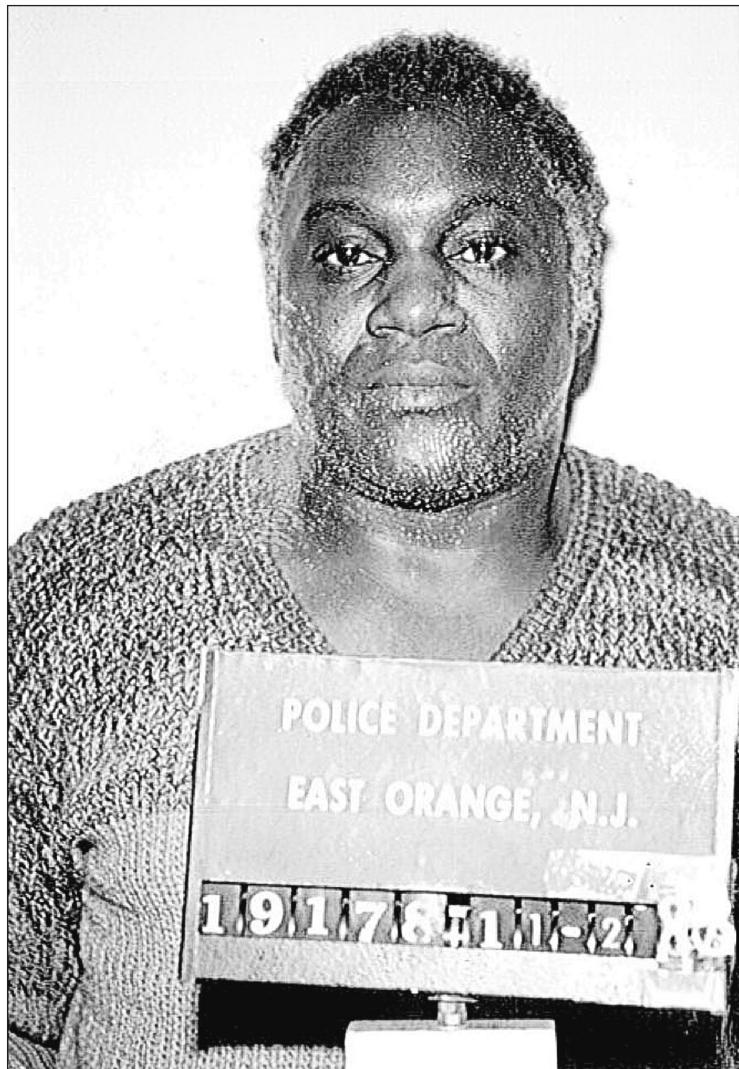
Speaking in front of a 15-foot (4.57-meter) tall American flag, Atlantis astronaut Rex Walheim agreed.

"This is a celebration," Walheim said, telling people not to concentrate on the end of space shuttle flights "but smile because it happened. We're going to have another program coming down the line that we're going to be just as proud of."

Eleven-year-old Brandon Pitts is counting on it.

"I always wanted to be an astronaut," he said, while straining against a rope line. He clutched an Atlantis jigsaw puzzle, trying to get a good view. □

Book helps revive push to reopen Malcolm X case



A mug shot of William Bradley, also known as Al-Mustafa Shabazz, who served time for conspiracy in the death of Malcolm X, in an undated handout photo. The new book, "Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention," by Manning Marable, has helped to renew calls for a full investigation in the assassination of Malcolm X.

(East Orange Police via The New York Times)

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NEW YORK – The death of Malcolm X, shot dead at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem in 1965, never inflamed the public imagination in the same way the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. did. But scholars have long believed that a bungled investigation resulted in the imprisonment of the innocent and allowed some of those responsible to go free. Over the decades, efforts to reopen the case have failed.

Now a best-selling biography has helped to renew

calls for a full investigation. But this time they may well gain traction because the legal environment has changed: Prosecutors in the South have demonstrated that it is possible to pursue and win cases that are decades old, and, as a byproduct, they have made the failures of the police in the civil rights era abundantly clear.

At the same time, news has emerged that the man long suspected of having fired the shot that killed Malcolm X but who was never arrested is living in Newark, N.J., under a different name.

"Time is running out; these

guys are very old," said Abdur-Rahman Muhammad, a graduate student at Howard University who first published the identity of the Newark man on his blog and was a source for the biography's author, Manning Marable. "I wanted justice to be done, and I knew that Marable wanted justice to be done."

Marable, a historian at Columbia University, died days before the publication of the book, "Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention."

The effort to reopen the case has attracted the attention of the nation's most persistent advocate of civil rights-era justice, Alvin Sykes of Kansas City, Mo. Sykes was instrumental in the reopening of the investigation into the killing of Em-

mett Till in Mississippi in 1955 and in persuading Congress to allocate millions of dollars to the investigation of civil rights cold cases. Sykes has asked both the Justice Department and, this week, the New York state attorney general "to conduct the most comprehensive and credible search by the government for the truth concerning Malcolm X's assassination."

The cause has made for strange bedfellows: Ilyasah Shabazz, one of Malcolm X's six daughters, is supporting the call to reopen the case despite her objections to the biography, which paints a bleak picture of her parents' marriage. Leith Mullings, the author's widow, is also asking for an investigation.

But it will be an uphill battle, partly because three men were convicted at the time, meaning the case is potentially a hybrid of two separate areas of criminal law: a civil rights cold case and a wrongful conviction.

Malcolm X, who became a patron saint of the black power movement and, long after his death, a U.S. icon, knew his life was in danger when he took the stage at the Audubon Ballroom on Feb. 21, 1965. He had broken with the Nation of Islam, which had branded him an enemy and a traitor. A week earlier, his house had been firebombed. As he began to speak, a disturbance broke out in the audience, a smoke bomb went off, and gunmen opened fire. □



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Charitable lead trusts draw renewed interest

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Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis is remembered for many things – as a first lady, a preservationist, a fashion icon. But her legend stands tall in a far more esoteric realm: Her will is revered in the world of trusts and estates, too.

A feature of it that is coming back into vogue is the charitable lead trust. After parcelling out specific gifts, Onassis put the rest of her estate into one of these trusts. It was set up to last 24 years, distributing money to charity annually. Whatever is left in 2018 goes to her heirs, in this case her grandchildren.

But the resurgent interest in charitable lead trusts is as much for financial advantage as for altruism.

Since the Republicans and President Barack Obama allowed the gift- and estate-tax exemptions to rise to \$5 million per person for this year and next, there has been a rush to pass far more money than that on to heirs, free of tax. In the case of charitable lead

trusts, record low interest rates are driving the trend further. The Internal Revenue Service sets what is called a hurdle or discount rate for these trusts, which is tied to U.S. Treasury rates.

are already bombarding their wealthiest clients with ways to pass money on to heirs, with good reason: The super-rich may be living through the greatest time for avoiding estate and gift

steady annuity payment. A page on Harvard University's website for giving offers a primer on how these trusts benefit the university and the alumni's heirs. Harvard also offers to handle the administration of the trust and invest the assets for the donor.

Here are some of the fundamentals of a trust that helps charities and minimizes taxes.

HOW THEY WORK

Over the years, charitable lead trusts have been a way to give money to charity with the possible benefit of passing what was left to children without paying estate taxes.

What has kept people from setting up these trusts in the past – and is still causing people to hesitate – is that they are hard for someone who is not a tax lawyer to understand.

"It's too complicated for most people," said John D. Dadakis, a partner at Holland & Knight. "They're sitting there saying, 'I want my life simpler.'"

The best candidates for these trusts are people who give annually to charity anyway and have an income large enough to take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for the entire amount put into the trust. (The federal

deduction for charitable donations is capped at 50 percent of a person's income, although it can be carried forward for five years.)

Gregory D. Singer, a wealth strategist at Bernstein Global Wealth Management in New York, said such trusts could be worthwhile for those able to put at least \$1 million into them.

"The downside is that money is tied up and committed," he said. "In normal times, I'd rather remain flexible, but these aren't normal times."

For the super-rich, one fear is that the charitable gift deduction could go away.

THE NEW TWIST

During the last period when charitable lead trusts were talked up, after Onassis' death in 1994, many were deemed failures. They either did not have enough money left over for heirs or, in the worst cases, they did not have enough to make all the payments to charity. Part of the problem was the high hurdle rate – 8.4 percent in August 1994 compared with 2.2 percent for this August. (The other, of course, was the dot-com bubble burst.) A higher rate meant a larger payout and decreased the chances that there would be anything left over in the end. □



Gregory Singer, a wealth strategist at Bernstein Global Wealth Management in New York, July 21, 2011. Singer feels charitable lead trusts could be worthwhile for those able to put at least \$1 million into them.

(Ozier Muhammad/The New York Times)

A lower rate means the payment to charity each year can be lower, and if the assets are invested to beat that rate, the amount left over for heirs should be higher.

The confluence of these factors comes as advisers

taxes in recent memory. "What's the biggest bang for the buck?" asked Kirk A. Hoopingarner, a partner at the law firm Quarles & Brady in Chicago. "Everyone's searching for that now. That's why the charitable lead trust has gotten so much play."

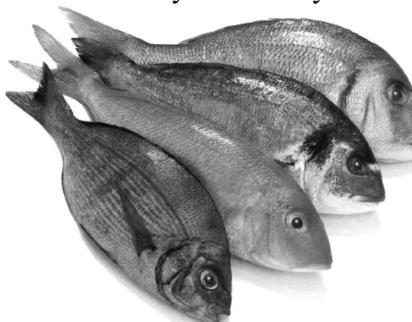
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Beyond "Heat dome"...

Meteorologists get clever with weather linguistics

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"Everybody talks about the weather, but I guess TV meteorologists have to do it more cleverly," said Jay Trobec, a weatherman at KELO-TV in Sioux Falls, S.D., as he sought to explain why the phrase "heat dome" is suddenly being heard and seen everywhere.

"I could call it Heatmageddon, but we just had Carmageddon," he added, referring to last weekend's freeway closing in Los Angeles. "Heat dome" – the condition tormenting the middle and eastern parts of the country this week – is not a standard scientific label but has been used sporadically over the years to describe sprawling high-pressure systems in the mid-to upper atmosphere that push warming air to the surface and hold it there.

Trobec said that because the impact on local farmers and ranchers had been so severe, he has avoided colloquialisms to describe the weather, simply calling it a "long, intense heat spell."

In interviews Friday, experts marveled at the viral spread of "heat dome" even as they differed on how apt the metaphor really is.

For those who want a metaphor, "heat bubble" might be more descriptive, some experts said – but then, the evocation of a bubble bath hardly carries the more ominous and attention-grabbing overtones of a Thunderdome or an Astrodome. "I've used 'heat dome' off and on over the years, but I think it's a little bit misleading; it's not shaped like that," said Gary England, a weatherman at KWTV in

Oklahoma City. "I usually say 'a large zone of hot air.'"

The heating effects of the

high-pressure lid, however it is labeled, have been magnified this week by the drought afflicting the Plains

and the South: With the soil so dry, less solar energy is used in evaporating water and more is devoted

to making humans feel like they are inside an oven. England, a longtime weatherman who had a bit part in the movie "Twister," said that a number of his viewers this week had even complained about his routine descriptions of the heat – calling the temperature "blistering hot" and referring to unguarded car seats as "blazing saddles." Between the drought and the heat, many viewers are having a tough time, he said. "They hear that idiot weatherman saying it's hot, hot, hot," England said, "and they say, 'I know it's hot, you fool.' They just want to hear when it's going to end." England said that in response, he tried one day this week to get through the entire weather report without using the word "hot," instead using phrases like "no significant changes in the pattern." □



Rezwan Jahengir works in his kebab truck in Washington, D.C. Temperatures are expected to top the 100-degree mark in cities from Washington, D.C., to Charlotte, N.C.

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James Murdoch under threat as UK scandal spreads

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Media scion

James Murdoch, his father's heir apparent, has come under fire over claims by former newspaper executives that he misled lawmakers about what he knew, and when, about Britain's phone-hacking scandal.

The allegation raises questions not only about his succession to the helm of the media empire but what he may have relayed to Rupert Murdoch, the CEO and controlling shareholder. One media expert said Friday that, as far as the leadership was concerned, James was already out of the running.

"When Rupert Murdoch is replaced, we now know it's not going to be James Murdoch," newspaper analyst Ken Doctor of Outsell Inc. said. The younger Murdoch's credibility was tested after he told a parliamentary committee on Tuesday that he was not aware of evidence that eavesdropping at the News of the World went beyond a jailed rogue reporter. That statement was contradicted Thursday by two former top staffers, who insisted that they told him years ago about an email that suggested wrongdoing at the paper was more widespread than the company let on.

James Murdoch has stood by his testimony to parliament, but Prime Minister David Cameron has joined opposition lawmakers — and

some shareholders — in saying that he has questions to answer.

Lying to parliament is illegal, and Tom Watson, a legislator from the opposition Labour Party, called

clear he deliberately misled lawmakers — although that prospect is highly unlikely. Far more serious is the prospect of getting sucked into Britain's expanding police probe.

a firestorm that has hit at the highest reaches of British society.

It forced Rupert Murdoch to shutter News of the World, abandon his \$12 billion bid for con-

phones hacked — something Britain's law society said could constitute obstruction of justice, a serious criminal offense.

Media attorney Mark Stephens said Friday he learned he was one of a handful of attorneys whose phone messages may have been intercepted by News of the World. The alleged intercepts are believed to have occurred before Stephens began representing Julian Assange of WikiLeaks. Stephens no longer represents Assange.

"There are some things in life that I consider sacrosanct: patient-doctor confidentiality, confessions to priests and lawyer-client privilege," Stephens said.

Stephens said he learned of the hacking in May when he contacted Scotland Yard. He has represented several media organizations over the years, including previous work with The Associated Press on some cases.

Meanwhile Scottish police said Friday they were opening their own perjury and corruption investigation related to the phone hacking, a move which could have consequences for ex-News of the World editor Andy Coulson, who served as Cameron's top media aide. Coulson testified last year at a trial in Scotland that he was unaware of illegal activities by reporters at the News of the World and denied there was a culture of phone hacking at the paper. □



A sign stands outside offices of News International in London, Friday, July 22, 2011. A British lawmaker said Friday he will ask police to investigate a claim contradicting James Murdoch's testimony he was not aware of evidence that the eavesdropping at one of his newspapers went beyond a jailed rogue reporter. Murdoch's former legal adviser and an ex-editor say they told media mogul Rupert Murdoch's son years ago about an email that suggested the rot at the News of the World tabloid was more widespread than claimed.

(AP Photo/Matt Dunham)

for Scotland Yard to investigate.

"I think this is the most significant moment of two years of investigation into phone hacking," Watson told the BBC.

Although James Murdoch was not testifying under oath at Tuesday's parliamentary hearing, he could theoretically face sanction if it becomes

The scandal exploded earlier this month with revelations journalists at the News of the World tabloid hacked the phone of a 13-year-old murder victim while police were still searching for her and broadened to include claims reporters paid police for information. Then one allegation of illegal behavior at the paper followed another, setting off

trol of a lucrative satellite broadcaster, jettison several high-profile executives and delivered the 80-year-old media baron and his 38-year-old son for an unprecedented parliamentary grilling. The scandal continued its seemingly inexorable spread Friday. High-profile lawyers said that they may have had their

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Oslo attacks domestic terror: up to 80 dead at summer camp

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Associated Press

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A home-grown terrorist set off an explosion that ripped open buildings in the heart of Norway's government Friday, then went to a summer camp dressed as a police officer and gunned down youths as they ran and even swam for their lives, police said Friday.

The attacks killed at least 80 people in this peaceful nation's worst violence since World War II.

A police official said the 32-year-old ethnic Norwegian suspect arrested at the camp on Utoya island appears to have acted alone in both attacks, and that "it seems like that this is not linked to any international terrorist organizations at all." Norway's public broadcaster NRK has named the bombing and shooting suspect as Anders Breivik.

"It seems it's not Islamic-terror related," the official said. "This seems like a madman's work."

The official said the attack "is probably more Norway's Oklahoma City than it is Norway's World Trade Center." Domestic terrorists carried out the 1995 attack on a federal building in Oklahoma City, while foreign terrorists were responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

The official added, however, "it's still just hours since the incident happened. And the investigation is going on with all available resources."

At the youth camp, where the prime minister had

been scheduled to speak Saturday, a 15-year-old camper named Elise said she heard gunshots, but then saw a police officer and thought she was safe. Then he started shooting people right before her eyes.

"I saw many dead people," said Elise, whose father, Vidar Myhre, didn't want her to disclose her last name. "He first shot people on the island. Afterward he started shooting people in the water." Elise said she hid behind the same rock that the killer was standing on. "I could hear his breathing from the top of the rock," she said.

She said it was impossible to say how many minutes passed while she was waiting for him to stop.

The shootings occurred after the bombing in Oslo, Norway's capital and the city where the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded. The police official who spoke on condition of anonymity said there was at least one unexploded device at the youth camp, and that a police bomb disposal team was working on disarming it with support from military experts.

The Oslo blast left a square covered in twisted metal, shattered glass and documents expelled from surrounding buildings in a dust-fogged scene that reminded one visitor from New York of Sept. 11. Ian Dutton, who was in a nearby hotel, said people "just covered in rubble" were walking through "a

fog of debris."

"It wasn't any sort of a panic," he said, "It was really just people in disbelief and shock, especially in a such as safe and open country as Norway. You don't even

Acting national Police Chief Sveinung Sponheim said a man was arrested in the shooting, and the suspect had been observed in Oslo before the explosion there. Police did not im-

the island in boats and running up the dock. Behind them, people who stripped down to their underwear swam away from the island toward shore, some using flotation devices.

Sponheim said police were still trying to get an overview of the camp shooting and could not say whether there was more than one shooter. He said several people were injured but he could not comment on their conditions.

In Oslo, most of the windows in the 20-floor high-rise where Stoltenberg and his administration work were shattered. Other buildings damaged house government offices and the headquarters of some of Norway's leading newspapers.

Oslo University Hospital said 12 people were admitted for treatment following the Utoya shooting, and 11 people were taken there from the explosion in Oslo. The hospital asked people to donate blood.

Stoltenberg, who was home when the blast occurred and was not harmed, visited injured people at the hospital late Friday. Earlier he decried what he called "a cowardly attack on young innocent civilians."

"I have message to those who attacked us," he said. "It's a message from all of Norway: You will not destroy our democracy and our commitment to a better world."

Sponheim would not give any details about the identity or nationality of the suspect, who was being interrogated by police. □



An aerial view of the summer camp on Utoya Island, Norway taken Thursday, July 21, 2011. Alleged home-grown terrorists set off an explosion that ripped open buildings in the heart of Norway's government in Oslo, Norway, Friday July 22, 2011. The alleged attacker then went to the summer camp dressed as a police officer and gunned down youths as they ran and even swam for their lives, police said. Officials have raised the number of dead from the original estimate of 10 to 80 dead.

(AP Photo/Mapaid, Lasse Tur)

think something like that is possible."

Police said seven people died in the Oslo blast, and possibly up to 80 people were killed at the camp, which was organized by the youth wing of the ruling Labor Party. Rescuers were to search to blast wreckage through the night for more victims, and Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said police fear there could be more victims at the camp as well.

Elise, the young camper, said she believes she saw more than 10 people killed.

mediately say how much time elapsed between the bombing and the attack at Utoya, about 20 miles (35 kilometers) northwest, but reports of the shooting began appearing on Twitter about two and a half hours after the bombing.

Sponheim said the camp shooter "wore a sweater with a police sign on it. I can confirm that he wasn't a police employee and never has been."

Aerial images broadcast by Norway's TV2 showed members of a SWAT team dressed in black arriving at

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Rebels say Gadhafi must face trial as Tripoli hit

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Associated Press

ROME (AP)—A Libyan rebel spokesman insisted Friday that Moammar Gadhafi stand trial at the international war crimes tribunal,

other military operations began this spring to protect civilians rebelling against the Libyan regime, but Gadhafi has managed to keep his grip on the capital, Tripoli, to the frustration of

hdy, head of the company running the project. "There could be major setback for the future projects."

At least 70 percent of Libyans survive on the water carried through the pipes

Libya on the condition that he give up power and the Libyan people grant their approval.

In Rome, rebel spokesman Ali al-Issawi met with Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini.

Asked how the so-called "leave Gadhafi in Libya option" squares with the warrant for his arrest by the International Criminal Court, al-Issawi told reporters that there was "no contradiction between the two."

"The first principle is that Gadhafi should step down," al-Issawi, a leader of the rebels' executive office said after a meeting with Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini. "After that you can talk about the details." "We would like Gadhafi to be taken to the ICC," al-Issawi said, referring to the Hague-based tribunal.

Al-Issawi's office essentially serves as a Cabinet for the National Transitional Council, the Benghazi-based anti-Gadhafi front that was recently recognized by Washington as Libya's legitimate government.

Frattini noted that Libya isn't among the signatory countries to an agreement obligating arrest for such warrants, and he stressed that while "impunity (for Gadhafi) would be a mistake, it has to be the Libyans to decide" Gadhafi's fate. Whatever that decision is, "we'll respect it," the foreign minister added.

Whether Western support to allow Libyans to keep Gadhafi in his country once out of power indicates waning desire to drive him out of

Tripoli is unclear. There have been fears the civil warfare could end in a kind of stalemate, with the rebels in charge mainly in eastern Libya and Gadhafi's forces entrenched in Tripoli.

Al-Issawi said that a blast at a Tripoli hotel Thursday where several top members of the regime, including Gadhafi's son Saif al-Islam, were meeting was caused by a rocket launched from within the city.

"This is a good signal that people inside Tripoli are organizing" against Gadhafi, Frattini told reporters.

The rebel spokesman said the attack "severely wounded" Abdullah Mansour, apparently a high official in Gadhafi's inner circle. A Tripoli-based opposition group called the Free Generation Movement said in a statement that three rocket-propelled grenades were used to attack the hotel.

However, the government spokesman, Ibrahim, denied any attack had occurred, saying it was only an accident turned into a propaganda ploy by rebels.

"There was no attack yesterday whatsoever, there was an explosion near the Sheraton caused by a (cooking) gas cylinder," said. "It was a kitchen explosion that was immediately turned into an attack to boost (rebel) morale."

Libya, a major supplier of oil and natural gas to Italy, was Rome's biggest trading partner before the outbreak of civil war, and al-Issawi assured Frattini that Italy would regain that rank in Libya's future. □



Rebel fighters pray during a Friday prayer in the rebel-held town of Benghazi, Libya, Friday, July 22, 2011. A Libyan rebel spokesman insisted Friday that Moammar Gadhafi stand trial at the international war crimes tribunal, despite growing Western consensus that the longtime dictator be allowed to stay in his homeland if he relinquishes power.

(AP Photo/Sergey Ponomarev)

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NATO jet planes, meanwhile, struck the capital Tripoli near Gadhafi's headquarters at Bab al-Aziziyah in the early hours of the morning Saturday.

Several bright flashes and loud explosions split the night at around 2:30 a.m. local time while jets could be heard circling overhead.

NATO bombing raids and

Western leaders.

NATO planes struck a factory near the embattled oil city of Brega on Friday killing six guards, Libyan officials said.

The plant, located six miles (10 kilometers) south of the strategic oil installation, builds the huge pipes that carry water from underground aquifers deep in the south to the coast as part of the Great Man Made River irrigation project.

"Major parts of the plant have been damaged," said Abdel-Hakim el-Shwe-

to the coast in the project, according to government figures.

"Most Libyans drink from the Great Manmade River, most Libyan land is farmed from the water, so any harm against this vital project is a harm against all Libyans," warned government spokesman Moussa Ibrahim. "We believe this a very dangerous development in NATO's attacks."

Washington, Paris and Rome have all proclaimed their acceptance of the idea that Gadhafi remain in

NATO: 50 killed in Afghanistan

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — International and Afghan troops battled heavily armed insurgents holed up in caves and bunkers that served as a way station for foreign fighters crossing into the country from Pakistan, the U.S.-led coalition said Friday. The two days of fighting killed more than 50 of the militants, it said.

The foreign fighter encampment is located in a rugged, mountainous part eastern Afghanistan's Paktika province. Insurgents from the Haqqani network, which is affiliated with the Taliban and al-Qaida, used the camp as a staging area for fighters brought over the border to carry out attacks across the country, the coalition said.

International forces and Afghan troops, including Afghan special forces, battled insurgents armed with rocket-propelled grenade launchers, heavy machine guns and AK-47 assault rifles. The joint force recovered stockpiles of weapons, including mortars, RPGs, machine guns, crates of ammunition, AK-47s, grenades and other military gear, the coalition said. Paktika province, along the eastern border with Pakistan, is a known haven for the Afghan and Pakistani wings of the Taliban, and al-Qaida affiliates. In the north, a vehicle carrying the deputy governor of Kunduz province struck a roadside bomb Friday in Khan Abad district, injuring three of his bodyguards, said Sarwar Houssaini, a spokesman for the provincial police. Insurgents have targeted several government officials recently in Kunduz and surrounding provinces. □

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Syrian protesters stress unity, defy crackdown

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BEIRUT (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Syrians defied a violent government crackdown Friday, insisting they will not be terrified into submission through bullets, mass arrests and more than four months of attacks by security forces. At least five people were killed, activists said.

Friday marked a clear attempt by the opposition to present a united front against the Assad family dynasty, the only regime Syrians have known for more than 40 years.

"One, one, one, the Syrian people are one!" protesters shouted in the capital, Damascus, in what has become a weekly ritual, with hundreds of thousands of people flooding the streets across the country demanding President Bashar Assad leave power.

The regime has banned nearly all foreign media and restricted coverage, making it nearly impossible to independently verify events on the ground or casualty figures. By some estimates, more than a million people were protesting Friday. The Syrian conflict has become a test of wills between protesters emboldened by the revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia, and an entrenched family dynasty that refuses to relinquish power.

Although the protests are growing, a strong alternative to Assad has yet to emerge — in part because dissidents have long been silenced, imprisoned or exiled by the regime in Damascus.

But the uprising refuses to die, and some say the country is nearing a tipping

point.

"The Assad regime faces a stark choice: change or be changed," Paul Salem, director of the Carnegie Middle East Center in Beirut, wrote in an analysis of the situation this week. "Either way, Syria will be a very different place by the end of this year." He added: "There seem to be two paths open to Syria. Either the regime will ac-



Lebanese protesters shout slogans as they march during a rally in solidarity with Syrian anti-government protesters in the northern city of Tripoli, Lebanon, Friday, July 22, 2011. The drawing depicts an armored vehicle firing towards Daraa while the calm reigns in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights, left.

(AP Photo)

cept a new deal based on serious political reform and inclusion, or the country will drift toward civil war."

Two special advisers to U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon warned that there was a "serious possibility" that Syria has committed crimes against humanity.

In a statement, Francis Deng, the adviser on preventing genocide, and Edward Luck, the adviser of the responsibility to protect

civilians in conflict, pointed to "persistent reports of widespread and systematic human rights violations by Syrian security forces responding to anti-government protests across the country."

Syria has a volatile sectarian divide, making civil unrest one of the most dire scenarios. The Assad regime is dominated by the Alawite minority, an offshoot of Shi-

tensions to the surface. In the central city of Homs, sectarian divisions already are erupting with deadly results. Over the past week, a wave of sectarian bloodshed has killed dozens, activists say.

Activists and protesters say the regime is stirring up sectarian fighting to discredit the protest movement. The government blames the unrest on terrorists and foreign extremists, not true reform-seekers, and has taken pains to portray itself as the only guardian against civil war.

During Friday's demonstrations, protesters insisted they were driven by the desire for liberty, and their slogans and banners emphasized national unity.

"No to sectarianism, yes to freedom," read a banner in the small northern coastal town of Jableh, where hundreds of young people covered their heads with the Syrian flag.

"They are trying to turn the conflict into a sectarian one, and we insist that it is not," another protester told The Associated Press by telephone from Hama.

Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague said he was "appalled" by the continued violence in Syria, particularly in Homs.

"The regime has killed over 1,500 civilians and has blood on its hands," Hague said in a statement Friday, warning that Assad's "regime's brutal violence" risks inflaming internal Syrian tensions. □

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Danny Aiello: Emotional guy, speaking for others

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Danny Aiello, a big guy with a big New Yawk accent, is best known for roles like Sal, the

include Biggie the bartender in "Lamppost Reunion," and others in "Hurlyburly" and The House of Blue Leaves." Aiello is also a singer, touring

man who recalls his father at the age of 9, a father who sent him to safety in the United States, who he detested but only realized later was send-

me play ball, and I was an outstanding ballplayer. I missed all that adoration. I used to make up stories about my father. I would go to the movies and look for a character who looked like my father. Wallace Beery. That was my father image on screen. That was the closest I had to a father. I never resented him. My father was a good man, but he was a con man. He was a wanderer, nomadic.

Q. Susan Charlotte said you not only learned to speak Italian and German for this part but also that there were a lot of late-night phone calls and emails. A. Look, I just lost my son. Danny Aiello III, a stunt coordinator, died of pancreatic cancer last year. I need distractions. Good distractions, not bad ones. A good distraction for me is a great play. My poor wife is at home — we sleep in the same bed all the time — and she hears 18 different people, I'm doing words all night. I'm reading lines, I'm interpreting lines, I'm memorizing lines.

Q. You are a high school dropout without any formal acting training, someone who worked as a union organizer, then as a bouncer, among other jobs. What would you say to an aspiring young actor? A. I was 40 when I did my first movie. I didn't know what the hell I was doing. My interpretation of acting at the time, because I didn't know how to build a character, was pure energy. People call me an instinctive actor. I used to

consider that an insult early on, only because I had never studied. Now, when people call me instinctive, I love it, because it's what I am. It's always new to me. I would suggest to every kid, go to school, go out and train as much as humanly possible. And you'll arrive at a character probably a lot quicker than I do.

Q. You describe yourself as a conservative Republican and a wallflower. What do you think of Hollywood?

A. They're probably the people responsible for outsourcing work more than any other company I've seen, but they claim to be liberals, great liberals. And they're not. But what I say to you is I'm hearing them saying things like "for the little man" and "for the unions." Then, of course, you see movies being sent from Hollywood and everywhere else to places like Canada and right-to-work states, like North Carolina, where there is no union intervention, and they can get a movie done for half the price. I did a few movies in Canada, and I consider myself a turncoat for doing it. Q. After this, you will do "Capone the Musical," in which you play Capone?

A. It's not the caricature we're accustomed to seeing, with the big white hat. This is a man who could have been a Lee Iacocca, running a company. We don't have all the details in place, but it's a one-man musical, with 22 songs by composer and playwright Robert Mitchell. □



Danny Aiello and Alma Cuervo in "The Shoemaker," written by Susan Charlotte and directed by Antony Marsellis in an undated handout. Aiello, best known for his role as Sal in Spike Lee's 1989 film "Do the Right Thing," is the lead character in "The Shoemaker," which opens on July 24 at the Acorn Theater.

(Ben Hider via The New York Times)

boisterous pizzeria owner in Spike Lee's 1989 film, "Do the Right Thing," which won him an Oscar nomination. In the play "The Shoemaker," which opens Sunday at the Acorn Theater, Aiello is a different kind of New Yorker. A wounded immigrant, he seethes with rage and sadness in the title role of an Italian Jewish shoemaker named Giuseppe, holed up in his shop in Hell's Kitchen on 9/11, trying to shut out the chaos outside and the memories of loss it ignites.

A two-act drama by Susan Charlotte, directed by Antony Marsellis, "The Shoemaker" began life as a one-act play in 2001, and Aiello starred in it last summer, also at the Acorn. And it became a 2007 film, "A Broken Sole," with the same three creative partners in place.

Aiello, 78, whose film career took off in 1973 with "Bang the Drum Slowly," went on to make dozens of films, including "Moonstruck" in 1987. His long list of theater credits

with an eight-piece jazz band. He is working on a one-man musical about the life of Al Capone. In a recent interview in Manhattan, Aiello talked about "The Shoemaker," coping with loss and his approach to his craft. The following are edited excerpts.

Q. As we approach the 10th anniversary of 9/11, there are a lot of projects commemorating that day. What makes "The Shoemaker" distinctive?

A. We talk about all kinds of terrorism. We talk about terrorism existing far back, Nazism, Fascism. I'm an emotional person. I want to speak out for those who can't articulate, who want to scream at the top of their lungs: "Look what they did to us. Look what happened." And that's what I'm doing on the stage.

Q. You said you came up with the idea of making Giuseppe, the shoemaker, Jewish. Why? A. It made it somewhat unpredictable, not just a shoemaker, but a shoemaker with a lot of threads in his life. A

ing him to safety.

Q. Your father left your family. The shoemaker also feels deserted by his father, who failed to leave Italy as Hitler advanced. Did you draw on your feelings about your father for the role?

A. Sure. My father never saw



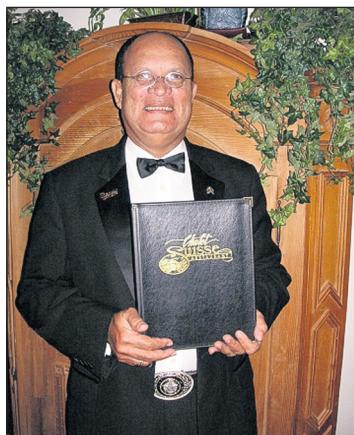
Actor Danny Aiello at Sardi's Restaurant in New York, July 10, 2011.

(Librado Romero/The New York Times)

LOCAL

Aruba TODAY

Chalet Suisse's secret is out!!



EAGLE BEACH - A few weeks ago we entered in a contest hosted by "The Art of Dining Service Management" In the food category we blew the judges taste buds with our succulent "Lamb chops" imported specially from Colorado. We are very proud and honored to say that we were the WINNERS amongst the many other high ranked restaurants competing! For the wine category, we introduced the judges with the "Hafner Dornröschens" wine which specially and exclusively is imported to us from Austria. With that we can proudly say that we stood behind just one competitor from snatching away the winner's award and therefore, we received the SECOND place award! So now you might be wondering who we are? Well.... Ever heard of the "Chalet Suisse" restaurant? We are located at the Eagle Beach, and that's where we have been for the last 23 years. Yes! A long time indeed! That's due to our great, friendly Arubian staff, who are always willing to go the extra mile to keep our guests happy.

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CEDE will showcase renowned Caribbean artists

PARADERA - Fundacion Encuentro Prome Bienal di Aruba is delighted to announce the opening of the CEDE for the first encounter for a Biennale of Caribbean contemporary art on the island of Aruba.

The Biennale, a non-profit endeavor, will take place on Aruba in 2011-2012, for a period of approximately 6 months. To be held every other year, the project will showcase artwork created by some of the Caribbean's renowned artists.

The exhibition will present a variety of mediums from film, installation, painting, sculpture, new media and performance art. The Biennale aims to create a platform which enables a dialogue among the public, artists, curators and visitors on the island.

The exhibitions will present artworks all over the island in existing exhibition sites and public spaces. Alongside the exhibitions the Fundacion Prome Bienal di Aruba will organize an extensive public program of seminars, workshops and a comprehensive and far-reaching educational program.

The Biennale aims to stimulate cultural interest, exchange of ideas on various themes in the art world and cultural tourism. In collaboration with the Ministry of



Economic Affairs and Social Affairs and Culture, local stakeholders and creative parties, the Biennale will

- engage with the local art community
- develop cultural and social awareness through education
- develop arts practices
- develop cultural tourism by attracting visitors to the exhibitions

The curator Mr. Jose Manuel Noceda Fernandez is the manager of the Biennale and is responsible for all aspects of the project.

Noceda Fernandez makes decisions regarding the selection of participating artists and the artwork and other important elements of the project. Mr. Noceda Fernandez has an extensive

and impressive track record on managing Biennales in Cuba and Ecuador.

Plans, discussions and meeting on the possibility of organizing the first encounter biennale on Aruba started years ago and last year concrete steps were taken to structure the organization of the entire project. The Cuban curator and local artist and gallery holder Alida Martinez decided to combine strength, resources and experience to bring this project to life. With the support of the office of the minister of Culture this project was brought into motion.

A first press conference was held last Tuesday July 19, 2011 at the CEDE in Paradera 213.

The sense of a wave/motion in the logo in the colors yellow, black and white symbolize the different art currents from different cultures.

Sometimes refined and discrete, sometimes on the foreground and very present. The font is Myriad Pro; a readable and accessible font type for everyone. The characters overlap each other which can be interpreted as the drive of artists to be one. The background color orange stands for form and an aesthetic sense.

The choice of color of the text on the orange background is representative for the idea 'to stand out' and 'distinguish oneself from the whole'. □

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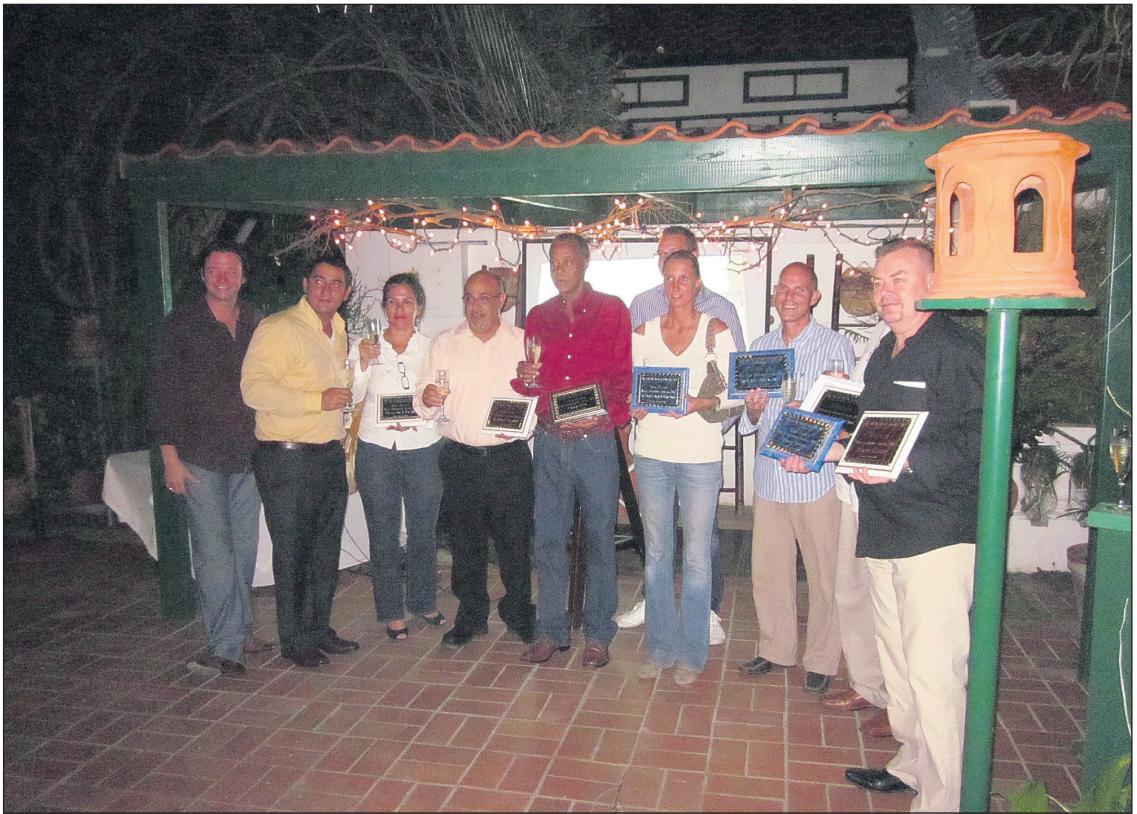
In partnership with Pachanga Dance School, and the Aruba World Salsa Champions, the Palm Beach Plaza Mall will be offering ZUMBA classes every Saturday

morning at 8am, free of charge. The Zumba Fitness program was announced this week at a press conference with representatives of both Pachanga Dance School and the Palm Beach Plaza Mall in attendance, promoting healthy living and physical fitness.

Saturday morning will offer salsa, meringue, bachata, and Caribbean music, a great way to exercise and have fun.

The bar at the plaza will be open offering some fresh juices and coffee for an enjoyable apres-zumba experience. □

Chalet Suisse's secret is out!!



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Our very own Maître D "Benny", who is always warm and welcoming to anyone who comes in. Our cocktail waitresses "Lucia and Lalaine", who know about cocktails and wine like none else! Our Very

own extremely experienced bartender "Marco", who can mix up any drink you please. So just let your imagination run wild! Then off course our kitchen staff managed by our dynamic and well experienced Chef "Yves" and his buddies in crime "Rambo and Frank", who make

such mouth watering dishes you won't be able to keep your hands or eyes off. All are managed by our warm and friendly manager "Rudy". A better manager can't be asked for! We are well known for our great variety of dishes, Lamb, Veal, Steaks, Duck, and so many more. Need-

less to say, if it isn't the best quality, we don't serve it. Great quality, with a good quantity that never becomes smaller, and the best prices on the Island are what you can expect at the Chalet Suisse Restaurant! Aside from that we have a fully stocked wine cellar with a great wine selection from all over the world, to mention a few, California, Chile, Argentina, Africa, and many more places, waiting to be appreciated by all the wine lovers amongst you!

To conclude, what a better way to end a dinner than by tasting our very own home-made desserts, The chocolate Marquise, Assorted Ice Creams, Hot Kisses, not to forget our infamous Apple Strudel and Chocolate Fondue, and many more to satisfy any sweet tooth! There is so much more to tell you about, but how about coming over, Wine and Dine with us and have an unforgettable experience. We are waiting for you with open arms and warm smiles! □



Aruhiba, The 1 and Only Homemade Aruban Cigar



ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is



specially designed for the cigars with the logo "Aruhiba". Petrocchi considers Aruhiba a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars.

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Lady Luck is preparing to strike at the Radisson



PALM BEACH – On Saturday night at 11pm, the Casino at the Radisson will be raffling a car, a Suzuki Swift, among its many slot and table game players. The raffle promises to be exciting and patrons have to be present to win. The recent casino car promotion ran for 10 weeks and included all table and slot players. This is incidentally, the second car the casino is giving away to loyal customers. Besides the car, many consolation prizes will be raffled among them a Digital Camera, Spa Treatments for Larimar Spa at the

Radisson, Dinners at Gilligan's Beach Bar & Grill and at Laguna Restaurant, both open nightly, also a weekend stay at the refreshed, elegant resort.

The winners will be toasted with a flute of champagne and a photo opportunity for the newspaper, with party emcee Giovanni Trim who will also be in charge of the evening's fun entertainment.

Hurry up and make sure you too are included, by playing the slots and the tables at the casino, you too can receive a ticket to participate.



This week the total amount of jackpots paid on slot machines at the Casino at the Radisson exceeded \$6,000. Among winners of gift certificates last Friday Isabel Manrique, Joan Marin and Aquanette Gunn. Slot tournament winners included Roy Feliciana, Liesje Kock and Joany Green, and Poker Tournament, winners were lucky visitors: Ariel, Jim & Michael. □



Get ready for Copacabana!

The Brazilian Night is featuring caipirinha's and feijoada



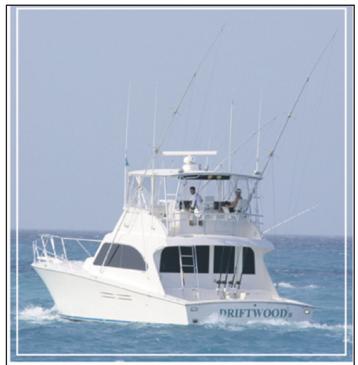
ORANJESTAD - The upcoming Brazilian Night at CILO City Lounge will be fantastic, with caipirinha's, caipi fruta and guarana drink accompanying typical Brazilian specialties like feijoada, moqueca de peixe and rocambole. During the evening Brazilian-born waitress Leidiany will be behind the bar, mixing her own specialty drink for those who dare. The Brazilian Night on July 24 forms part of the Sultry Summer Nights series at CILO, where an exotic, interesting country is in the spotlight on the last Sunday of the month. Expect the Brazilian Night to be sizzling hot, with samba dancers, carnival costumes and caipoeira.

The menu on July 24 starts off with Tres Empanadas, pastries filled with tuna, cheese and vegetables, deep-fried fish balls called Bolinhos de Bacalhau and Salada de Batata cum Atum, a potato salad

with tuna. The main courses include the typical Brazilian beef stew with black beans, sausages, pork chops and baby back ribs, served with slices of orange, called feijoada. There is Brazilian beef steak, galinha (an oven-baked pie with chicken and mushrooms) and a fish stew with a tomato base called moqueca de peixe and white fish. Dessert is either banana frita, fried banana with rum, or rocambole, a Brazilian roll.

At 9 o'clock in the evening Aruba's most popular salsa band will hit the stage: Robert Jeand'or! During a two hour concert it will be impossible for you to resist the urge to go wild and show off your smooth salsa moves on the dance floor. CILO's guests should prepare for a fun, uninhibited evening filled with the best that the country of Brazil has to offer. Aruba, get ready for Copacabana! □

Catch your own dinner with Driftwood! Motto at Driftwood Restaurant: "From the pier to your plate!"



ORANJESTAD - The downtown marina is home of Driftwood Fishing Charters, the successful fishermen of the established seafood restaurant Driftwood in Oranjestad.

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Bolt wins 100 meters at Monaco meet

Jamaican champion Usain Bolt celebrates after winning the Men's 100m race during the Herculis International Athletics Meeting, at the Louis II Stadium in Monaco, Friday, July 22, 2011.

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Judge nixes L.A. Dodgers financing plan

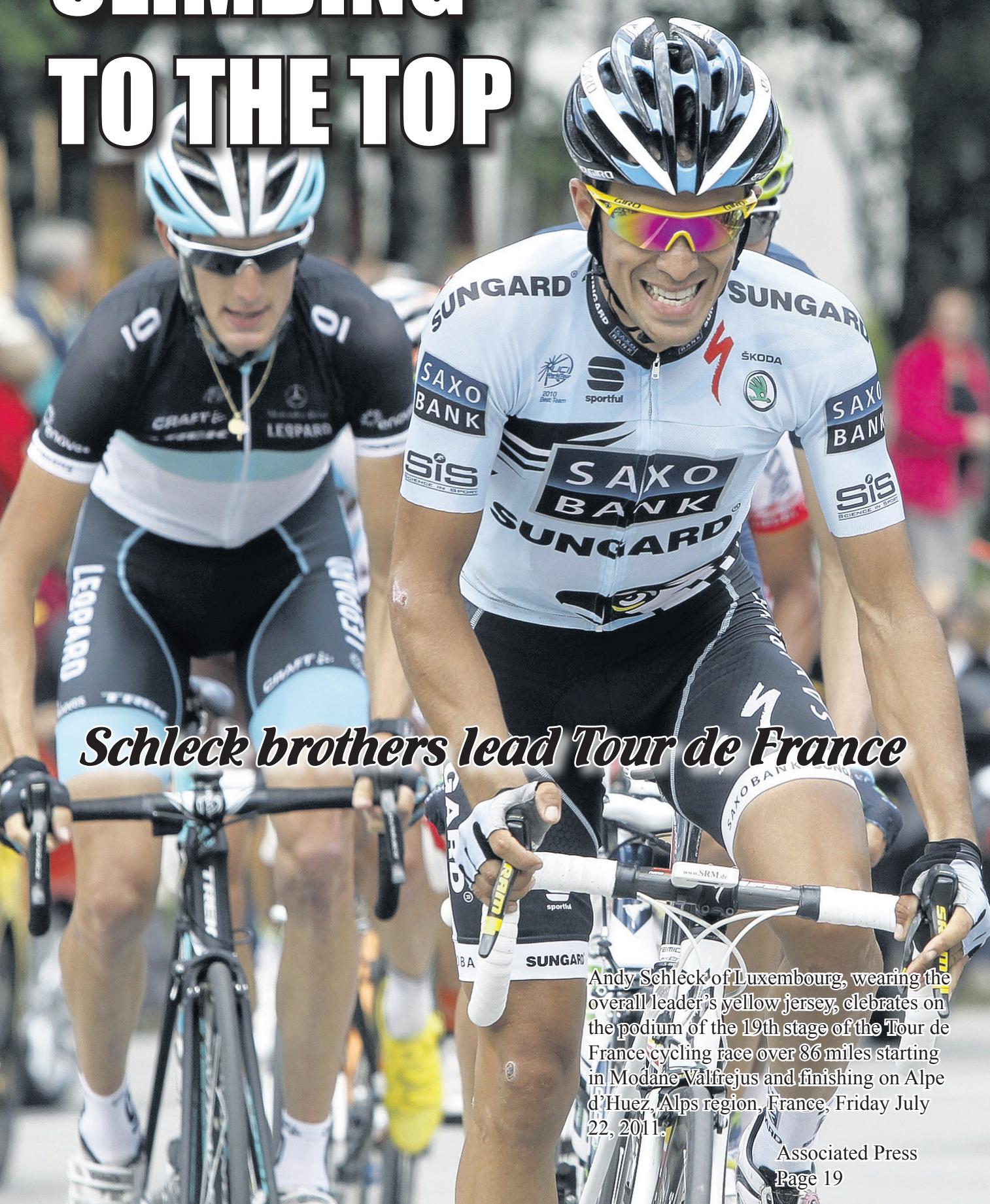
RANDALL CHASE

AP Business Writer

DOVER, Delaware (AP) — A Delaware judge on Friday rejected the Los Angeles Dodgers' proposed \$150 million bankruptcy financing plan, directing the team to instead negotiate a loan deal with Major League Baseball. Judge Kevin Gross said in an eight-page order that the team had failed to show the terms of its secured financing with hedge fund Highbridge Capital were fair, given the more favorable financial terms in MLB's unsecured loan offer. The Dodgers previously rejected MLB's offer and had refused to negotiate with the league, arguing that its financing proposal was simply an attempt by baseball commissioner Bud Selig to take control of the team and force a sale. While acknowledging an "underlying feud" between Selig and Dodgers owner Frank McCourt, Judge Gross said he was basing his decision on debtor-in-possession, or DIP, financing on the narrowest grounds possible and leaving arguments over the team's management for later. "The court finds that the Baseball loan is not a vehicle for Baseball to control debtors," wrote Gross, who ordered the team to negotiate with MLB cooperatively and in good faith. Debtors and Baseball are entitled to the other's full cooperation in finalizing and administering an unsecured loan facility," he said.

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CLIMBING TO THE TOP



Owners OK deal, players don't vote yet



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announces that NFL owners have agreed to a tentative agreement that would end the lockout, pending player approval, on Thursday, July 21, 2011, in College Park, Ga. Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson looks on in the background.

Associated Press

PAUL NEWBERRY
AP National Writer
COLLEGE PARK, Georgia

(AP) — NFL team owners overwhelmingly approved a tentative agreement

Thursday that would end the lockout, but the players didn't vote on the proposal,

leaving the sport in limbo for at least another day. On Thursday, owners voted 31-0—the Oakland Raiders abstained—to approve the deal, pending players' approval. Soon after, the league issued a press release announcing: "NFL clubs approved today the terms of a comprehensive settlement of litigation and a new 10-year collective bargaining agreement with the NFL Players Association."

Less than an hour later, NFL-PA head DeMaurice Smith sent an email to team reps saying: "Issues that need to be collectively bargained remain open; other issues, such as workers' compensation, economic issues and end of deal terms, remain unresolved. There is no agreement between the NFL and the players at this time."

The players group held a conference call and decided not to take a vote, saying they had not seen the full proposal approved by owners. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell spoke on the phone several times Thursday with Smith, including filling him in on the results of the vote before it was announced.

"Hopefully, we can all work quickly, expeditiously, to get this agreement done," Goodell said. "It is time to get back to football. That's what everybody here wants to do." But several players took to Twitter, expressing opposition to the proposal. Pittsburgh Steelers safety Ryan Clark wrote:

"The owners want u to believe that they have been extremely fair everywhere and this is their 'olive branch' to finalize it." The four-month lockout is the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987.

As a result of it, the Aug. 7 Hall of Fame game between Chicago and St. Louis was cancelled.

"The time was just too short," Goodell said. "Unfortunately, we're not going to be able to play the game this year." Providing players eventually approve the agreement, team facilities would open Saturday.

"I can't say we got every-

thing we wanted to get in the deal," New York Giants owner John Mara said. "I'm sure (players) would say the same thing. ... The best thing about it is our fans don't have to hear about labor-management relations for another 10 years." The old CBA expired March 11, when federally mediated negotiations fell apart, and the owners locked out the players hours later. Since then, teams have not been allowed to communicate with current NFL players; players—including those drafted in April—could not be signed; and teams did not pay for players' health insurance.

The basic framework for the league's new economic model—including how to split more than \$9 billion in annual revenues—was set up during negotiations last week.

"These things, by their very nature, aren't supposed to make you necessarily happy when you walk out the door. It was a negotiation," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "I don't mean to sound negative, but it isn't exactly like Christmas has come along here."

Final issues involved how to set aside three pending court cases, including the antitrust lawsuit filed against the NFL in federal court in Minnesota by Tom Brady and nine other players. NFL general counsel Jeff Pash said the owners' understanding is that case will be dismissed.

One thing owners originally sought and won't get, at least right away, is expanding the regular season from 16 games to 18. That won't change before 2013, and the players must agree to a switch. "We heard the players loud and clear. They pushed back pretty hard on that issue," said Atlanta Falcons president Rich McKay, chairman of the league's competition committee.

The deal would make significant changes in offseason workout schedules, reducing team programs by five weeks and cutting organized team activities (OTAs) from 14 to 10 sessions. □

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Andy Schleck is new leader in Tour de France

GREG KELLER

Associated Press

ALPE D'HUEZ, France (AP)

— Luxembourg's Andy Schleck captured the Tour de France yellow jersey on the famed Alpe d'Huez on Friday, lining up a pulsating finish to the 2011 race with this weekend's time trial and final dash to the Champs Elysees in Paris. The 26-year-old rider who famously said "my stomach is full of anger and I want to take revenge" after losing the 2010 Tour by a mere 39 seconds, has just under a one minute advantage over Australia's Cadel Evans going into Saturday's time trial, the last big obstacle to Schleck finally avenging his loss and donning the yellow jersey on the Champs Elysees podium.

Schleck, a two-time Tour runner up to Spain's Alberto Contador, has long spoken of the advantage he gains from racing alongside his older brother Frank, who is now second overall, 53 seconds behind Andy.

But Saturday's race will pit the younger Schleck against Evans, also a two-time Tour runner up and a notably better time trialist, with nothing his brother can do to help.

Frenchman Pierre Rolland won the 19th stage, battling up the mountain's 21 brutally steep bends to finish 14 seconds ahead of Olympic champion Samuel Sanchez and 23 seconds clear of a more dangerous Spanish

rival, three-time Tour champion Alberto Contador. Schleck, who famously lost the 2010 Tour by a mere 39 seconds to Contador, now has a 53-second lead over his brother Frank in second place, while Australia's Cadel Evans is third, 57 seconds behind.

Schleck knocked Contador out of the running in Thursday's race up the Galibier pass, launching a daring solo attack from over 30 miles out that his rival couldn't match.

The 26-year-old Luxembourg rider, considered one of the best climbers in the peloton, kept his 57 second lead over Evans on the Alpe d'Huez, the last of a three-day stretch of epic mountain stages in the Alps and one of the most famous climbs in cycling.

But Evans still has every chance of beating both Schleck brothers in Saturday's time trial in Grenoble, the race's penultimate stage.

Time trialing, the individual race-against-the-clock race excelled at by specialists like Swiss world champion Fabian Cancellara and US rider David Zabriskie, has long been Schleck's weak point. Evans is a strong time trialist, but it will take a superlative performance to make up his 57 second deficit and upset the Schlecks' long-held dream of becoming the first brothers to

finish on the winner's podium together in the Tour's

108-year history.

Schleck said he has not pre-ridden Saturday's stage, a 42.5 kilometer (26.4 mile) individual time trial in Grenoble. But he dismissed concerns that he isn't a good enough time trialist to hold of Evans.

"Everybody tells me it's a time trial that suits me good, so I believe everybody and hope to show a good performance tomorrow," Schleck said.

In 2008 Evans beat Schleck by nearly 2 minutes in a time trial that was about 10 kilometers longer. Schleck was only 23 and riding in his first Tour then, and since then has put significant effort into improving his skills in the specialist discipline.

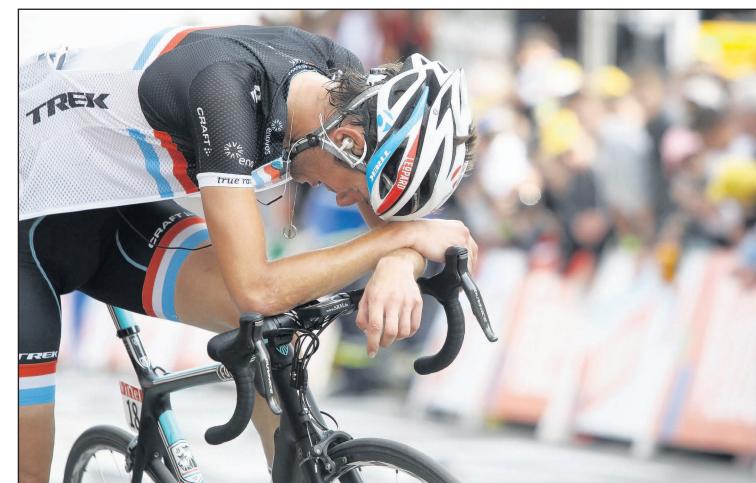
Evans admitted he wished he was not so far behind Schleck going into Saturday's stage.

"Of course I'd like to take more time going into the time trial," Evans said. "I'd much rather be in yellow, with five minutes" going into the stage.

Evans said he'd follow a simple strategy Saturday: "Start as fast as possible, finish as fast as possible, hope you're fast enough."

Schleck took the yellow jersey from Frenchman Thomas Voeckler, who cracked on the day's first climb and never managed to catch the leaders despite a gritty struggle up the Alpe d'Huez.

The Luxembourg rider made good on the promise he



Pierre Roland of France crosses the finish line to win the 19th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 86 miles starting in Modane Valfrejus and finishing on Alpe d'Huez, Alps region, France, Friday July 22, 2011.

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Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, celebrates on the podium of the 19th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 86 miles starting in Modane Valfrejus and finishing on Alpe d'Huez, Alps region, France, Friday July 22, 2011.

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made Thursday to capture the jersey, after he missed taking the lead on top of the Galibier pass by only 15 seconds after launching a daring solo attack.

Now he has Sunday's finish line firmly in his sights.

"My motivation is super, my legs are good, my condi-

tion is there, so I'm confident I can keep this till Paris," Schleck said.

He rode much of the day in a small group alongside Contador, but chose not to follow the Spanish rider when he attacked at the bottom of the 13.8 kilometer (8.5 mile) Alpe d'Huez. □

Usain Bolt wins 100 meters at Monaco meet

SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

MONACO (AP)— Usain Bolt overcame a tentative start to win his final 100 meters before the athletics world championships next month, clocking 9.88 seconds at the Monaco Diamond League meeting on Friday. Bolt improved his personal best time this season by 0.03 seconds but was still well short of his world mark of 9.58 seconds.

"Overall, technically wise, it was a good race," Bolt said. "It was not the best start, but I executed well overall." Nesta Carter of Jamaica was second in 9.90 seconds ahead of Michael Rodgers of the United States, who was third in 9.96. Bolt's last race before the worlds — which start Aug. 27 in Daegu, South Korea — will be a 200 at Stockholm next week.

Bolt had to battle all the way to prevail against a strong field that also included Eu-



Usain Bolt of Jamaica, right, wins the 100m in front of Jamaican Michael Frater, left and Christophe Lemaitre of France, center, at the Herculis International Athletics Meeting, at the Louis II Stadium in Monaco, Friday, July 22, 2011.

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ropean champion Christophe Lemaitre of France and Jamaican Michael Frater. On a very fast track

and with a slight tail wind, the triple Olympic champion failed to beat the Herculis meet record of 9.82 after

surging ahead of his rivals in the last 20 meters. "Nesta Carter, Michael Frater are very good starters, better

starters than me," Bolt said. "But the last 60 (meters) are the best part of my race, so I was never really worried. Overall it was good."

Bolt, who competed for the first time on the Stade Louis II track, is unbeaten this season and said winning races, even by small margins, is the most important thing ahead of the worlds.

"For me it's always key to keep winning," he said. "And I'm getting better. My last 60 meters have improved dramatically. I need to work on my reaction time, but I've been doing great in training, so I'm just focusing and I feel ready." Frater was fourth in 10.01 while Lemaitre ended fifth in 10.03. Bolt, who has been hampered by injuries last season, has already warned he won't lower his 100-meter world record this year and that he is only focusing on defending his sprint titles in Daegu. □

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L.A. Dodgers

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In this June 17, 2011 file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt speaks to reporters outside court in Los Angeles. On Monday, June 27, 2011, the Los Angeles Dodgers filed for bankruptcy protection in a Delaware court. McCourt cites Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig's interference with club operations and refusal to approve a Dodgers TV deal with Fox Sports as the cause for Monday's bankruptcy filing.

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Rob Manfred, MLB's executive vice president for labor relations and human resources, issued a statement praising the ruling.

"We are pleased that the court has agreed with our position with respect to providing the DIP financing and shares our long-standing view that the proposal put forth by Major League Baseball is the best option for the Los Angeles Dodgers franchise," Manfred said. "Major League Baseball remains committed to serving the best long-term interests of the Dodgers and their fans." Bruce Bennett, attorney for the Dodgers, issued a statement saying a short form, unsecured credit agreement with MLB, combined with other revenue sources, should provide the team with ample liquidity to meet team payroll and other expenses.

The Dodgers filed for bankruptcy protection on June 27, blaming Major League Baseball for refusing a week earlier to approve a multibillion-dollar TV deal with Fox Sports that McCourt was counting on to keep the troubled franchise afloat and meet payroll deadlines at the end of June. □

Angels beat Rangers in pitchers' duel

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Los Angeles' Jered Weaver won a riveting pitching duel against Texas' C.J. Wilson as the Angels beat the Rangers 1-0 on Thursday to move within three games of the American League West leaders. Weaver (13-4) went seven-plus scoreless innings and struck out six to win his seventh straight decision and reduce his major league-best ERA to 1.81. Weaver departed after giving up a single leading off the eighth, on his 122nd pitch. Scott Downs retired the next three batters and rookie Jordan Walden got three outs in the ninth for his 23rd save. The only run came courtesy of an error by Rangers center fielder Endy Chavez.

Wilson (10-4) took the loss despite holding the Angels to just two hits over eight innings, striking out eight and walking one.

Rays 2, Yankees 1

In St. Petersburg, James Shields outpitched C.C. Sabathia to steer Tampa Bay past New York to tighten the AL East division race. The loss dropped New York two games behind first-placed Boston in the AL East. The third-placed Rays salvaged a split in the four-game series and moved

within 5½ games of the Yankees.

Shields (9-8) struck out six over 7 2-3 innings, allowing only one baserunner past first until the eighth when he gave up two doubles.

Sabathia (14-5) lost for the first time in six weeks, ending a streak of victories in seven consecutive starts.

Evan Longoria homered and had two of Tampa Bay's five hits. Sam Fuld drove the second run with a fifth-inning triple.

Rays closer Kyle Farnsworth worked the ninth, earning his 19th save.

Tigers 6, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Detroit beat Minnesota for the 10th straight time.

Tigers starter Justin Verlander (13-5) threw eight dominant innings, giving up one run, no walks, and striking out nine.

Jhonny Peralta drove in three runs with three hits, Brennan Boesch hit a two-run homer, and Miguel Cabrera, Victor Martinez and Peralta — batting fourth, fifth and sixth — were all over Twins starter Carl Pavano (6-7), who allowed five runs in six innings.

Detroit moved half a game ahead of idle Cleveland in the division, while the fourth-place Twins fell six



Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Jered Weaver throws against the Texas Rangers during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Thursday, July 21, 2011, in Anaheim, Calif.

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games back.

Blue Jays 7, Mariners 5

In Toronto, the hosts handed Seattle a 12th straight loss.

Rajai Davis hit a tiebreaking double in the bottom of the eighth, responding to a Miguel Olivo grand slam in the top of the inning which had brought the Mariners level.

Seattle reliever David Pauley (5-4) got two quick outs

in the bottom of the eighth before Mike McCoy doubled to left and Yunel Escobar walked. Davis followed with a double to right, scoring both runners.

Blue Jays reliever Jon Rauch (4-3) worked 1 2-3 innings for the victory.

In other AL games it was Toronto 7, Seattle 5; L.A. Angels 1, Texas 0; Tampa Bay 2, N.Y. Yankees 1; and Detroit 6, Minnesota 2. □

Ian Kennedy steers DBacks past Brewers

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona's Ian Kennedy pitched seven scoreless innings to earn his 11th victory and steer the Diamondbacks to a 4-0 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday, splitting the four-game series between the National League contenders.

Kennedy (11-3) struck out five in his third straight win. He became the eighth pitcher in the NL with at least 11 wins. Jair Jurrjens of Atlanta leads the league with 12.

Arizona got home runs from Justin Upton, Miguel Montero and Kelly Johnson, who notched his team-leading 17th.

Brewers starter Zach Greinke (7-4) struck out

seven with no walks in seven innings, allowing only five hits, but two of them were solo shots by Upton and Montero in the fourth inning.

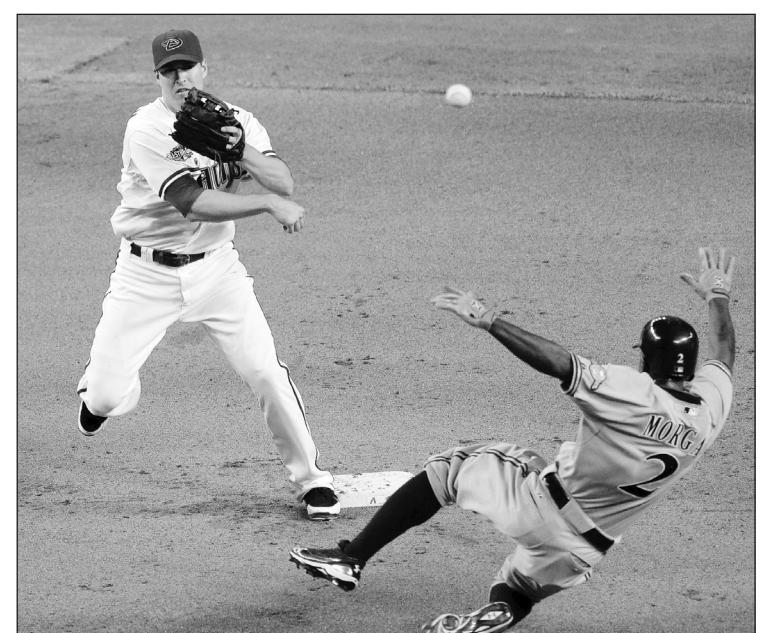
Braves 9, Rockies 6

In Denver, Jason Heyward and Freddie Freeman each homered and had two hits to help Atlanta down Colorado, splitting the series.

Brooks Conrad homered and Nate McLouth had two hits apiece for Atlanta while starting pitcher Tommy Hanson (11-5) had a shaky start but took the win, giving up seven hits and striking out seven in six innings.

Cardinals 6, Mets 2

In New York, Albert Pujols hit



Arizona Diamondbacks' Kelly Johnson, left, throws to first after forcing out Milwaukee Brewers' Nyjer Morgan (2), turning a double play on Ryan Braun during the eighth inning of a baseball game Thursday, July 21, 2011, in Phoenix.

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a two-run homer in the first inning as St. Louis avoided a sweep by New York.

On other NL games it was

San Diego 5, Florida 3; St. Louis 6, N.Y. Mets 2; Atlanta 9, Colorado 6; and Arizona 4, Milwaukee 0. □

'30 days of hell' for US victim of German E. coli

MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — In early May, John Meyer stayed at a lakeside hotel in Hamburg, Germany. He attended a business conference. He went sailing. And he became one of the few U.S. victims in one of the worst food poisoning outbreaks in recent world history.

Meyer went to the hospital a week later with what turned out to be a rare and deadly strain of E. coli bacteria that caused thousands of illnesses, mostly in Germany. He would spend the next month in a Massachusetts hospital, much of the time in a delirium, while doctors worked around the clock to save his life.

Meyer is one of six U.S. cases linked to the German outbreak and he's the first to talk about his terrible experience, speaking to The Associated Press by phone from his home in Franklin, Massachusetts.

"It was 30 days of hell," said his wife, Loreen.

Meyer was in Hamburg as that city was emerging as



In this Thursday, June 30, 2011 picture, a spice dealer holds up fenugreek seeds at his shop in Cairo, Egypt.

the epicenter of a food poisoning disaster that would be among the deadliest in memory. More than 4,000 people in Germany and other countries became ill since the outbreak was detected in May, including several hundred who developed a serious complication that can lead to kid-

ney failure. At least 53 died. The outbreak ultimately was traced to a batch of fenugreek seeds from Egypt. The seeds, which taste a bit like burnt sugar, are sometimes used as a spice in cooking. Fenugreek sprouts are used in salads.

Meyer believes he must have eaten fenugreek while attending a business meeting at the Hamburg hotel. He thinks the tainted seeds, or sprouts, could have been in the fresh fruits and vegetables at a breakfast bar. There would be some irony if that was the case: It's hard to find good produce during hurried business trips, and Meyer had welcomed the opportunity to eat healthy.

"In this case, it backfired," he said.

Meyer's lawyer provided the AP with lab results and government investigation reports into his illness. Massachusetts state health officials also confirmed he was infected with the rare German E. coli strain. Meyer declined to allow his doctor to speak to the AP and he would not agree to be photographed.

Some common forms of food poisoning can cause symptoms within a day of eating tainted food, but Meyer said he felt no ill effects during a six-day European business trip that included two days in Hamburg and a brief stop in France afterward. He returned home on May 13 feeling fine.

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However, this unique and dangerous E. coli bug takes a week to announce its presence. Meyer first became aware something was wrong on May 18. He was at his desk at Senior Aerospace that morning when his abdomen began hurting.

At 52, he is a cyclist who eats two Greek yogurts each day. He says he's never had food poisoning, but on that day he went home in pain.

By midafternoon, he was hit with bloody diarrhea and a dawning sense of alarm. "Whatever it was, it wasn't a minor thing," Meyer said. His wife Loreen, a high school biology teacher, was home by then and worried. She took him to nearby Milford Regional Medical Center. Doctors there saw him quickly but weren't able to diagnose him. They recommended follow-up with a gastroenterologist the next day and sent him home for the night.

But when he got home the diarrhea accelerated. "Every hour, and then it started getting even closer," he recalled.

Loreen took him back to the hospital that night and he was admitted.

Though it all happened less than two months ago, Meyer's memory is fuzzy on what happened the next several weeks. He had intense stomach pain and his kidneys stopped working. Doctors put him on fluids to rehydrate him. They

treated him with different antibiotics, and cleansed his blood using dialysis and other measures.

The infection affected his mind. He recalled staring at a clock in his hospital room and not being able to tell time. "I was thinking, 'Why do they have this strange clock in here, and why is it set up differently?'"

Meyer said he grew paranoid, believing that his doctors had written him off for dead. Doctors had not given up on him, but were perplexed. A test for the most dangerous form of E. coli familiar to Americans came back negative. They sent specimens for additional analysis to lab with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lab in Atlanta.

In early June, CDC confirmed it was the German strain.

Around that time, he had begun to recover. His kidneys were improving. His awareness returned. He was moved out of intensive care more than three weeks later, and on June 17 he was sent home.

But he was far from normal. He and his wife said his muscles had atrophied, his red blood cell count was still down, and the lining of his colon had become a layer of dead tissue, unable to absorb nutrients. A man who had been an athletic 6-foot 2 and 185 pounds was down to 162 pounds and able to walk only short distances using a cane. He was hungry, though. Voracious, even, eating two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners each day.

"He had such a huge appetite because he was still not able to absorb as many nutrients," his wife said.

Now he's up to 170 pounds and working part days from home. He's been in physical therapy and regaining his strength, though he's months away from the kind of vigorous exercise he used to do.

Meyer and his wife contacted a local attorney, saying they were worried about possible problems with getting health insurance to pay his hospital bills.

That turned out not to be an issue. □

U.S. cites higher death risk in Sanofi drug study

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. government health regulators are warning doctors that a heart drug from Sanofi was associated with fatal heart problems in a recently halted company study.

The Food and Drug Administration reported Thursday that Sanofi halted a trial of its drug Multaq after there were twice as many heart attacks, strokes and deaths among patients taking the drug compared with patients taking placebo.

Among more than 3,000 American patients studied, there were 32 cardiovascular deaths in the Multaq group compared with 14 in the placebo group.

The study involved patients older than 65 with a permanent heart condition known as atrial fibrillation which causes the heart's chambers to pump out of sync. The FDA approved the drug in 2009 for the short-term form of the condition and a related condition known as atrial flutter. However, doctors routinely prescribe drugs for uses other than those listed on the label.

About 241,000 U.S. patients had received a prescription for the twice-a-day pill as of last month.

The FDA said it is still reviewing the trial data and advises patients taking Multaq to talk with their doctor.

Sanofi, based in Paris, said in a statement it still considers the drug beneficial to patients.

"It is important that Multaq only be used in patients with non-permanent atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter, as per the current U.S. label," a company spokesman said in an email.

The European Medicines Agency is also reviewing the safety of Multaq.

In midday trading, U.S.-listed shares of Sanofi added 5 cents to \$39.75. □

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E-Trade hiring Morgan Stanley for strategic review

NEW YORK (AP) — Days after its largest shareholder demanded E-Trade Financial Corp. let shareholders consider proposals including the hiring of new financial advisers to explore options such as selling the company, the online brokerage said Friday that it is bringing in Morgan Stanley & Co. to review its strategic opportunities.

In a Wednesday letter to E-Trade that was disclosed in a regulatory filing, hedge fund Citadel LLC said that mismanagement by the company's board and executives caused it to lose money every year since 2006, extinguishing shareholder value and wasting growth opportunities. Citadel demanded the company hold a special shareholder meeting to consider proposals to remove directors Michael Parks and Donna Weaver, change how it elects directors and explore strategic alternatives, including selling the company.

E-Trade said Friday that it created a special board committee composed of independent directors that instructed the company hire Morgan Stanley & Co. to perform a strategic alternatives review. Morgan Stanley will share its findings with the board's finance and risk oversight committee, whose members include Citadel founder and CEO Kenneth Griffin, and that committee will give E-Trade's board a recommendation, the company said.

E-Trade pointed out that the company hired J.P. Morgan Securities LLC to go over its strategic alternatives in the fourth quarter of last year. □

AP source: Apple considering Hulu bid

RACHEL METZ

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple Inc. is in talks to potentially bid for video-streaming service Hulu, a person close to the situation said Friday. The person, who said Apple is among several companies interested in Hulu, spoke on condition of anonymity because they

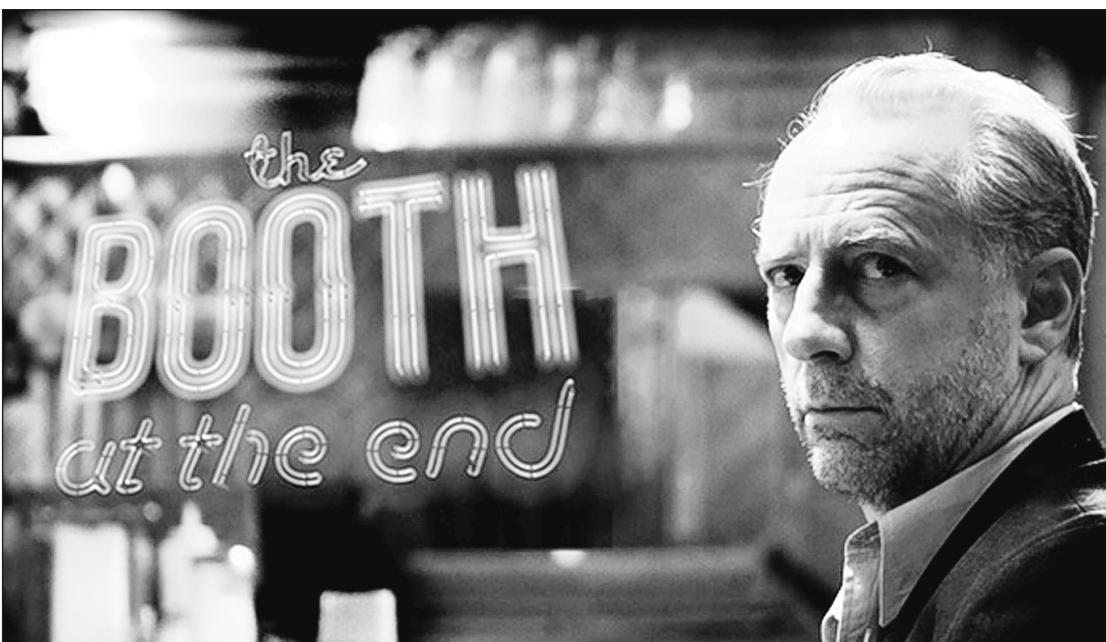
unsolicited offer prompted its board to look for other offers. The online video service streams movies and TV shows from broadcasters ABC, Fox and NBC to computers and — for a monthly fee — to a number of Web-connected mobile devices such as smartphones and tablet computers. It expects its paid service, Hulu

online video pioneer Netflix Inc., which offers both a DVD-by-mail and video streaming service, and Google Inc.'s popular YouTube video streaming site, which streams free, ad-supported videos and rents movies from several major studios. Apple has plenty of available cash for making a deal. At the end of the last

company's current owners. A buyer may have to reach a new deal in order to license the content. Forrester Research analyst James McQuivey said key to any deal involving Hulu would be an agreement for the continued streaming of its current video content. And if, as many analysts expect, Apple is developing its own TV set, the addition of Hulu would put the company in an "amazingly powerful position," he said.

Hulu isn't interested in just exploring possible offers. Earlier this month Disney CEO Bob Iger told reporters that Hulu's owners are "committed to selling." He spoke on the sidelines of an annual gathering of top media executives hosted by investment bank Allen & Co. in Sun Valley, Idaho. Iger's comments were reported by Bloomberg News and The Wall Street Journal. BGC Partners analyst Colin Gillis said it makes sense that Apple would take a meeting with Hulu, but since part of Hulu's business is ad-supported it's contrary to Apple's current model of buying or renting videos. It makes more sense for Google or Yahoo Inc. to buy Hulu, he said.

"They're not the most logical buyers," Gillis said of Apple. "Maybe peeling off a couple bills to keep it out of the hands of Google makes some sense." Still, as with any deal, he noted that whether or not it makes sense depends on the purchase price. Apple's interest in Hulu was reported earlier by Bloomberg. □



In this undated publicity image released by Hulu and Vuguru, Xander Berkeley is shown in a scene from "The Booth at the End." Hulu will exclusively premiere "The Booth at the End" in the U.S. on Hulu.com and the Hulu Plus subscription service beginning July 2011.

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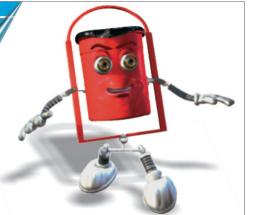
are not authorized to talk about the matter. In early July, search giant Google Inc. was said to be among about a dozen companies in talks to potentially buy Hulu. Yahoo Inc. is also believed to be interested. Hulu, which is owned by Disney, News Corp., Comcast Corp. and Providence Equity Partners, started presenting its financial information to interested bidders late last month, after an

Plus, to have over a million subscribers by the end of the summer and its CEO, Jason Kilar, has said it is profitable. For Apple, an acquisition of Hulu could bolster its iTunes store, which provides videos users can rent or buy, but does not currently stream content or offer a subscription streaming service. It could also help the Cupertino-based iPhone and iPad maker as it spars with competitors such as

quarter, its horde of cash and securities totaled \$76.2 billion. And Apple CEO Steve Jobs, who is currently on medical leave, already has a connection with one of Hulu's owners: He's The Walt Disney Co.'s largest shareholder and a member of its board. However, if Apple — or any other company — were to buy Hulu, there's no guarantee it would be able to continue streaming content from the

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Unemployment rates rose in majority of U.S. states

By DEREK KRAVITZ

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment rates rose in more than half of U.S. states in June, evidence that slower hiring is affecting many parts of the country.

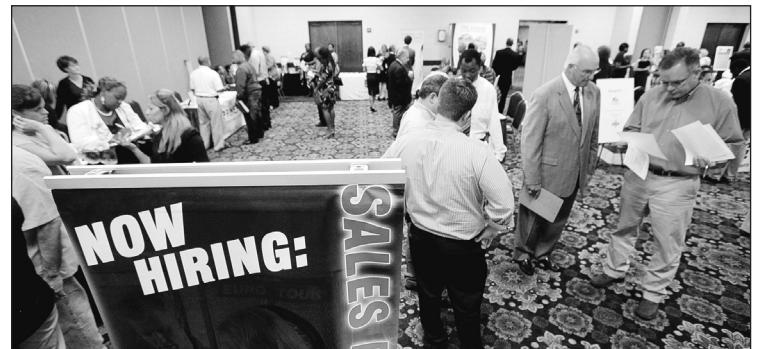
The Labor Department said Friday that unemployment rates in 28 states and Washington, D.C., increased last month. Rates declined in eight states and were flat in 14. That's a change from May, when 24 states reported falling unemployment rates.

Twenty-six states reported a net gain in jobs in June, while 24 states lost jobs.

The changing trend in state unemployment rates reflects a weaker economy hampered by high gas prices and lower factory output. Nationally, employers added only 18,000 net jobs in June, the second straight month of feeble hiring.

The U.S. unemployment rate ticked up to 9.2 percent. The economy expanded only 1.9 percent in the January-March period, and most economists expect similar growth in the April-June quarter.

The government releases its first estimate for second-quarter growth on July 29.



In this July 13, 2011 photo, National Tire & Battery area director Don Hudome, right, meets with an attendee at a National Career Fairs Job Fair, in Dallas. More people applied for unemployment benefits last week, evidence that layoffs are rising and the job market is weak.

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Nevada had the highest unemployment rate among the states for the 13th straight month. It rose in June to 12.4 percent, up from 12.1 percent in May. The state has been hampered by foreclosures, depressed home sales and a decline in tourism.

It was followed by California (11.8 percent) and Rhode Island (10.8 percent).

Some companies are cutting their work forces. Layoffs rose to their highest level in nine months in May, according to a separate Labor Department report last week.

The impasse in Washington over raising the federal government's borrowing limit could affect several states, including Tennessee and Virginia.

Those states could see a downgrade to their credit rating if the U.S. defaults on its debt, according to Moody's Investors Services.

The government reached its \$14.3 trillion borrowing limit in May. The Treasury Department has said it will default on its debt if the limit is not raised by Aug. 2.

Virginia is closely tied to the federal government because of its large number of military bases, defense contractors and government employees. A downgrade to a state's rating would mean it would pay higher interest rates to borrow money.

Analysts are expecting another weak month of hiring in July, based on recent data.

The economy needs to generate about 125,000 jobs per month to keep up with population growth and prevent the unemployment rate from rising. It needs at least twice that many to rapidly reduce unemployment. □



Bill Maris, second from left, and David Krane, center, the managing partner of Google Ventures, at the Google Venture offices in Mountain View, Calif. Google Ventures, the corporate investment arm of Google, hopes to use data-driven algorithms to analyze prospective companies and identify the next Facebook or Zynga.

(Peter DaSilva/The New York Times)

Google looks for the next Google

CLAIRE CAIN MILLER

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. —

Google thinks it can be young and crazy again. And it is betting \$200 million that it is right.

In the hottest market for technology startup companies in over a decade, the Silicon Valley behemoth is playing venture capitalist in a rush to discover the next Facebook or Zynga. Other pedigreed tech companies are doing the same, as venture capital dollars coming from corporations approach levels last seen in the dot-com bubble era of 2000.

To some, it is a telltale sign of an overheated industry, symptomatic of a late and ill-advised rush to invest during good times. But Google says it has a weapon to guide it in picking investments — a Google-y secret sauce, which means using data-driven algorithms to analyze the would-be next big thing.

Never mind that there often is very little data because the companies are so young and that most venture capitalists say investing is more of an art than a science. At Google, even art is quantifiable.

"Investing is being in a dark room and trying to find the way out," said Bill Maris, managing partner of Google Ventures, the corporate investment arm.

"If you have a match, you should light it."

Corporate venture funds invested \$583 million in startups in the first three months of the year, according to the National Venture Capital Association, up from \$443 million in the same period last year and \$245 million in 2009, before tech investing began its rapid turnaround. Today, 10 percent of venture capital dollars comes from corporations, nearing the previous bubble-era high of 15 percent in 2000.

Facebook, Zynga and Amazon.com are investing in social media startups.

AOL Ventures restarted last year after three previous efforts, and Intel Capital expects to invest more this year than the \$327 million it invested last year. Google Ventures says it has invested as much money in the first half of this year as in all of last, and Larry Page, the company's co-founder, who became chief executive this spring, has promised to keep the coffers wide open.

"top of the market," said Andrew S. Rachleff, who teaches venture capital at Stanford and was a founder of Benchmark Capital, the venture firm.

Rachleff also questioned Google's reliance on its algorithms. "There's no analysis to be done when you're evaluating a company that's creating a new market, because there's no market to analyze," he said. "You have to apply judgment."

Although even Maris compares venture investing to "buying lottery tickets," Google says it has faith in its algorithms.

At the same time, it is taking the unusual step of providing the chosen startups with access to its 28,770 employees for engineering, recruiting and business advice, and offering office space at the Googleplex and classes on building a business.

Page, who declined a request for an interview, has already promised Google Ventures \$200 million this year and says a virtually unlimited amount is available, Maris said, as Google reconnects with its startup roots. "I've had conversations with Larry when he says, 'Do as much as you can, as fast as you can in as big and disruptive a way as possible,'" he said.

Google says its approach is paying off. □

Corporate venture arms have sprung into action before during boom times, like the early 1980s and the late 1990s, but they have had mixed records.

"When the corporate guys get involved, it usually means that we're at the

Corporate profits off to strong start for 2Q

DAVE CARPENTER

AP Personal Finance Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — So much for fears that U.S. companies might stall out in the economy's soft patch.

Corporate profits are coming in better than expected so far in second-quarter earnings season despite concerns about the potential for trouble ahead.

Strong showings from blue-chip companies such as Apple, Coca-Cola and McDonald's have put the quarter on track to set a new record for operating earnings.

"The corporate sector's in great shape," says Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank. "The economy is a little healthier than we thought it was."

Aside from companies' continuing stubbornness about hiring more workers, the early results are good news for investors and anyone worried that the debt-limit standoff in Washington or the financial crisis in Europe could inflict serious damage.

Consumers' willingness to spend on fast food, electronic gadgets and other items has helped fuel better-than-expected quarterly results. Among the standouts:

— Apple Inc. more than

doubled its profit to \$7.31 billion on an 82 percent jump in revenue, further testimony to the runaway popularity of the iPhone and iPad.

— Coca-Cola Co. more than tripled net income to \$5.77 billion as the world's largest drink maker increased its strength in emerging markets, such as Latin America, India and China, while sales held stable in the U.S. and Europe.

— Harley-Davidson Inc. more than doubled its profit to \$191 million, posting an increase in U.S. motorcycle sales for the first time since 2006 and expanding its market share overseas.

— McDonald's Corp. increased net income 15 percent to \$1.4 billion on a 16 percent jump in revenue, attracting more customers for its broadening menu and array of coffee drinks even as it raised prices.

Companies in several other industries also blew past Wall Street's expectations this week, including credit card issuer American Express Co., toy maker Hasbro Inc., oil services company Halliburton Co., computer company IBM Corp., chipmaker Intel Corp. and health insurer UnitedHealth Group Inc.

All told, 148 companies in



In this June 28, 2011 photo, a sign directing people to the McDonald's restaurant near the historic Pantheon is displayed in Rome, Italy. McDonald's Corp. said Friday, July 22, its net income rose 15 percent in the second quarter to \$1.4 billion on rising sales around the world.

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the Standard & Poor's 500 index have reported earnings and 73 percent have beaten the expectations of Wall Street. That's somewhat ahead of the typical pace of two-thirds that surpass estimates.

Companies that had reported as of Friday had \$24.52 per share in operating earnings — profits before subtracting interest and tax expenses — ac-

cording to S&P senior index analyst Howard Silverblatt. The record of \$24.06 per share was set in the second quarter of 2007.

Wall Street analysts forecast the next two quarters to be even better at \$25.30 per share in the third quarter and \$26.47 per share in the fourth. That's assuming the economy isn't dragged down by the deficit-reduction impasse or another

problem.

Coming out of the recession, corporations first reported explosive earnings growth early last year. The pace has slowed, but it's still going. At the current rate, second-quarter earnings would be 17 percent better than a year ago. It hasn't all been smooth going, as Caterpillar Inc.'s big earnings shortfall Friday underscored. □



In this July 10, 2011 photo, a woman walks past a Verizon stone in Hollywood. Verizon Communications Inc. is seeing a big boost from the iPhone, adding more new subscribers on contracts in the second quarter than it has in two and half years.

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PETER SVENSSON

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Verizon Communications Inc. is seeing a big boost from the

iPhone, adding more new subscribers on contracts in the second quarter than it has in two and half years. Yet AT&T Inc., which was

Verizon pulls in subscribers with iPhone; new CEO

been the exclusive seller of Apple Inc.'s iconic phone in the U.S. until February, still activates three iPhones for every two Verizon does. When posting a profit for the second quarter on Friday, Verizon also said Chief Operating Officer Lowell McAdam will take over from long-time CEO Ivan Seidenberg, 64, on Aug. 1. The company has signaled the succession for the past year. McAdam, 57, is the former head of Verizon Wireless.

Seidenberg will remain chairman of the company. He became the CEO of Bell Atlantic in 1998. It changed its name to Verizon in 2000 after a major acquisition. Verizon added 1.26 million wireless subscribers under contract in the April to June

period, a result that flies in the face of the slowdown in new subscribers across the industry in the last two years. Since nearly everyone already has a cell-phone, gaining new subscribers is chiefly a matter of luring them over from other carriers.

A year ago, Verizon added just 665,000 subscribers under contract.

Verizon activated 2.3 million iPhones, well below the 3.6 million AT&T reported for the same period. Verizon sells only the iPhone 4, starting at \$200, while AT&T also sells the older iPhone 3GS for \$49.

McAdam said iPhone sales haven't quite been as good as the company expected, chiefly because it believed a new iPhone model would

arrive this summer, as it usually does. Apple hasn't said why there's no new phone yet.

"We expect it probably sometime in the fall. I think you'll see a significant jump there," McAdam told analysts on a conference call.

Even with relatively slow iPhone sales, Verizon is handily outdoing AT&T, which recruited only 331,000 new contract subscribers in the quarter. The iPhone is AT&T's chief draw, while Verizon has other advantages on its side, like a broader "3G" data network and new, ultra-fast "4G" network in many cities. In the quarter, Verizon sold 1.2 million devices that use the 4G network, including laptop modems and the HTC Thunderbolt smartphone. □

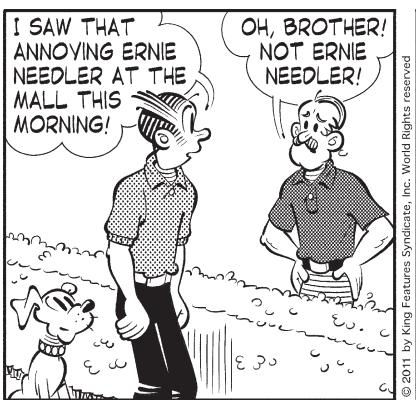
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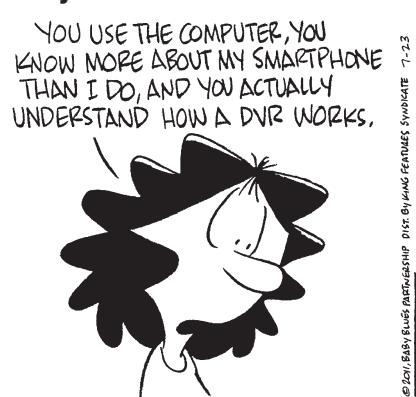


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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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 5 Train depot
 6 Give a speech
 7 __ out; distribute
 8 Collie or poodle
 9 Tara Lipinski or Michelle Kwan
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 11 Hertz rival
 12 Maris or Mudd
 13 Stockholm resident
 21 __ up; misbehaved
 23 Small whirlpool
 25 Buffalo
 26 White cheese with tiny holes
 27 Kiln
 28 __ and rave; talk wildly
 29 Wide
 30 Carrying a gun
 34 Mountain range in Europe
 35 Certain

51 Book of maps
 52 Segment
 53 Jet or glider
 54 Hot __ sundae
 55 Wedding band
 57 Rich soil
 58 Suffer defeat
 59 Oscar-winning actor Don __
 62 Staff; stick

Today in History

Today is Saturday, July 23, the 204th day of 2011. There are 161 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1588 - English army assembles at Tilbury to repel invasion by Spanish Armada.

1595 - Spanish land at Cornwall, England, and burn Mousehold and Penzance before returning to their ships.

1785 - Prussia's Frederick the Great forms Die Fuerstenbund (League of German Princes).

1829 - The first typewriter is patented by William Burt of Mount Vernon, Michigan.

1882 - Koreans attack Japanese legation in Seoul, the Korean capital, provoking intervention by Japanese and Chinese troops.

1904 - The ice cream cone was invented by Charles E. Menches during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis.

1913 - "Second Revolution" breaks out in south China to force from power military commander Yuan Shih-kai. He wins the armed struggle, ending hope for democracy in China after the abdication of the emperor.

1914 - Austria and Hungary issue ultimatum to Serbia after assassination of Archduke Ferdinand. The dispute leads to World War I.

1920 - King Faisal's Arab army is defeated at Maysaloun, and Syria falls effectively under French control.

1921 - The first meeting of the Chinese Communist Party is held in Shanghai. Thirteen delegates represent 50 members.

1945 - Marshal Henri Philippe Petain is put on trial, charged with betraying France during World War II.

1952 - Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser overthrow King Farouk I.

1958 - Queen Elizabeth names four women to peerages — the first women to sit in Britain's House of Lords.

1974 - Greece's military rulers announce they will turn nation back to civilian rule.



Today is Philip Seymour Hoffman's birthday

1983 - A regional struggle for independence by Tamils in Sri Lanka's north and east escalates into a civil war when they kill 13 Sri Lankan soldiers. The nation's Sinhalese majority responds by killing hundreds of Tamil civilians in the south.

1988 - Iran accuses Iraq of pushing deep into Iranian territory and using chemical weapons.

1991 - New platform for Soviet Communist Party is published, calling for private property, economic integration into world market and freedom of religion.

1993 - British Prime Minister John Major survives a vote of confidence and a reluctant House of Commons approves a treaty of European union on his terms.

1994 - Gambian soldiers proclaim military government in Dakar, Senegal.

1995 - United Nations orders the first combat unit from its rapid reaction force to Sarajevo, in Bosnia, to take out any rebel Serb guns that fire at U.N. peacekeepers.

1996 - Aided by U.S. spy photographs, war crimes investigators in Bosnia recover more than a dozen bodies thought to belong to Muslims executed after the fall of the city of Srebrenica.

1997 - Swiss banks publish lists of World War II era depositors in newspaper advertisements throughout the world.

2000 - American Lance Armstrong wins the prestigious and grueling Tour de France for the second year

in a row, four years after being diagnosed with cancer.

2001 - Indonesia's National Assembly impeaches President Abdurahman Wahid in an overwhelming vote and elects his deputy, Megawati Sukarnoputri, as head of state.

2002 - Israeli fighter jet drops a 1-ton bomb on a crowded residential neighborhood in Gaza City, killing Salah Shehada, a Palestinian militant, and 14 civilians. The strike draws widespread condemnation for the high civilian death toll.

2003 - Massachusetts Attorney General's office issues a scathing report following an investigation into the handling of sexual abuse cases by the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Boston. Clergy members and others in the archdiocese are believed to have sexually abused more than 1,000 people over a period of six decades.

2004 - The leaders of the Sept. 11, 2001 commission reiterate their call that Congress and the president must quickly overhaul U.S. intelligence agencies, prompting a Senate and House pledge for an unusual round of hearings in August.

2005 - A Brazilian man killed by British police in a dramatic subway shooting had nothing to do with a series of bombing attacks on London's transit system, police announce, calling the death a "tragedy" and expressing their regret.

2006 - Gunmen attack Oaxaca's university radio station, authorities report, the latest incident in a wave of confrontations and protests that drove many tourists out of the historic Mexican city. □

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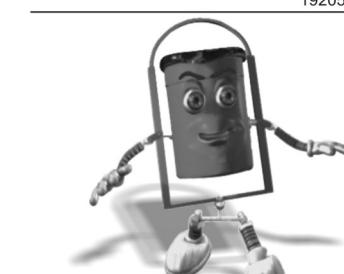
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'The Walking Dead' to explore 'monsters inside'



John Bernthal, left, Sarah Wayne Callies, center, and Andrew Lincoln are shown at a panel for the television series "The Walking Dead" at Comic-Con International 2011 in San Diego Friday, July 22, 2011. The annual comic book and popular arts convention attracts over 100,000 people and runs through Sunday.

(AP Photo/Denis Poroy)

DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) —

Flesh-eating zombies aren't the only worry in the second season of "The Walking Dead."

Sarah Wayne Callies, who plays one of the survivors in the hit zombie apocalypse saga on the AMC cable TV channel, teased during a Friday panel at Comic-Con that "the most dangerous things out there are the monsters inside."

The cast and crew of "The Walking Dead" have been filming the sophomore follow-up to the six-episode first season this summer.

A trailer featuring the survivors trying to evade a horde of oncoming zombies amid a traffic jam and contemplating breaking up the group was shown during the panel. At one point, the character Rick Grimes warns that "it's all about slim chances, and a slim chance is better than

none."

At the beginning of the panel, the executive producers announced that the 13-episode second season will premiere Oct. 16.

"We absolutely could not wait for Halloween, so we're coming at you a few weeks

early," said Robert Kirkman, executive producer and creator of "The Walking Dead" graphic novel series, which the TV is based on.

Frank Darabont, the show's creator and executive producer, promised the more than 4,000 fans packed inside a San Diego Convention Center ballroom that

the second season picks up about five seconds after the first season finale, when the survivors dejectedly drove away from the destroyed Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

"There's none of this (expletive) six-months-later stuff," said Darabont. □

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He then won the contest of the "Gran Orkestra Sinfonica" from Frankfurt where he encountered himself with Violin fanatic musicians from all over the world.

This experience was an amazing experience for him as he was able to compete against great talented musicians who also performed the same penetrating music which touch the soul of any human being in the most breathe taking and marvelous ways.



Actress Ashley Greene arrives at Comic Con in San Diego, Calif.

(AP Photo/Dan Steinberg)

Jazz great Herbie Hancock a UN culture ambassador

ELAINE GANLEY

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Jazz great Herbie Hancock wants his music to build bridges between cultures, a mission that fits perfectly with his new role as a U.N. cultural ambassador — promoting peace through culture and education.

The 71-year-old — imbued with boundless energy, cu-



US Jazzman Herbert Jeffrey "Herbie" Hancock, plays the piano during the ceremony for his new role as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, at the UNESCO headquarters, in Paris, Friday, July 22, 2011.

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

riosity and cool-cat poise — is a natural for the job. His "The Imagine Project" album is a multicultural potpourri featuring collaborations with musicians from 11 countries and seven languages.

He founded The International Committee of Artists for Peace, too.

"It feels like an answer to some of my biggest dreams," the pianist and composer told The Associated Press about his Friday appointment as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.

UNESCO "really cares about working toward the globalized peaceful world that people actually want to live in."

There have been dozens of celebrities across the world promoting the goals of the Paris-based U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, but Hancock said he doesn't mind being a link in a long chain at one of the U.N.'s lower profile institutions.

In fact, much is expected of him.

"This is not a free lunch," UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova laughingly advised him at a lunch before

his formal appointment. There's a lot for him to do, she said, but "he believes it. He's doing this already." As a Goodwill Ambassador, he expects to do more than be a musical envoy. He wants to promote literacy through the discipline of his art, Hancock said. Projects are already on his plate: He is working to create an International Jazz

Day, something that could see fruition by next year; establish jazz as an "intangible cultural heritage" of UNESCO; and work to get UNESCO World Heritage site recognition to New Orleans, his hometown of Chicago and Dockery Farms in the Mississippi Delta — a plantation community that gave birth to the Blues.

He also wants to make his world stage a world classroom, hoping to travel to places like India, Cambodia and countries in Africa, the Middle East and eastern Europe. His goal of seeking peace fits his Buddhist beliefs and his relationship with his audience, he said.

"Before I go on stage, my prayer is for the band to be as one, to have a unified spirit and ... for the purity that's in the depth of the heart to touch the depths of the people in the audience."

He will not forsake his music. In his more than half-century career as a musician, he has renewed old favorites with edgy electronic sounds, giving new life to signature pieces like "Watermelon Man." □

Delhi Couture week gets bigger and better

A new title sponsor, the best of designers and an ideal business platform for participants to widen their customer-base — the second edition of the Delhi Couture Week will offer all this and loads of glitz and glamour when it opens Friday with Bollywood diva Madhuri Dixit walking the ramp. 'When it comes to business, couture is all about exclusivity and one of their kind garments. It refers to the creation of exclusive custom-fitted clothing and is made to order for a specific customer, Sunil Sethi, president of event organiser Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI), told IANS.

'Every designer made a profit from the last season and we are looking forward to making it a successful venture again,' he added. 'Couture has always been immensely popular in the Indian market, which is why a platform like this is significant in capturing the essence of garments. In terms of size, the Delhi Couture Week is now the third largest in the world after Paris and Milan and we will bring together the best designers from India to create never seen before moments this time as well,' Sethi said. The four-day event at the Taj Palace Hotel here will have two main show areas (MSA) and the icing on the cake will be Bollywood beauties like Madhuri Dixit, Sonakshi Sinha and Lara Dutta walking the ramp and adding glamour and glitter on the runway. Why so many faces from Bollywood? 'Couture is synonymous with beauty, grace and timeless appeal and so are some of the Bollywood beauties. Hence we thought of calling some of the gorgeous ladies who will add glamour to these garments.'

The grand opening will happen with the very beautiful and vivacious Madhuri Dixit,' Sethi said. This year's main sponsor is Synergy1, which is into real estate. '(Last year's main sponsor) Pearl Infrastructure backed out at the last moment because they

were facing some internal problems. Though we shared a wonderful relation with them, Synergy1 also holds the same importance for us,' said Sethi. 'Synergy1 never asked for unwanted branding and this is what I liked about them. All our sponsors are here to encourage couture and fashion and we are looking forward to make the second season great, just like the first one,' he added.



A model displays creation of Indian designer J.J. Valaya, during Delhi Couture Week 2011, in New Delhi, India, Friday, July 22, 2011.

(AP Photo/Manish Swarup)

The event will see some of the leading couturiers Varun Bahl, JJ Valaya, Meera and Muzaffar Ali, Anju Modi, Ashima-Leena, Shantanu and Nikhil, Manish Malhotra, Manav Gangwani, Suneet Varma, Gaurav Gupta and grand finale designer Rohit Bal showcasing their collections. Adarsh Gill will make her debut at couture week. Verma's collection is already making waves as it

This will be followed by an ikat collection, an evolution of applique, inspired by the traditional ikat weave. The collection ends with Awadhi opulence where one will see a sequence of ghararas, lehnas, peshwaz, choghas and saris,' Meera said. The two MSAs will ensure that designers not only present their beautiful clothes, but also have grand ramp as a perfect background. □

The grand bargain lives!



DAVID BROOKS

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Imagine you're a member of Congress. You have your own preferred way to reduce debt. If you're a Democrat, it probably involves protecting Medicare and raising taxes. If you're a Republican, it probably involves cutting spending, reforming Medicare and keeping taxes low. Your plan is going nowhere. There just aren't the votes. Meanwhile, the debt ceiling is fast approaching and a national catastrophe could be just weeks away.

At the last minute, two bipartisan approaches heave into view. In the Senate, the "Gang of Six" produces one Grand Bargain. Meanwhile, President Barack Obama and John Boehner, the House speaker, have been quietly working on another. They suddenly seem close to a deal. There's a lot you don't know about these two Grand Bargains. But they probably have the elements that have been part of just about every recent bipartisan debt proposal: some sort of tax reform that lowers overall rates while raising revenue by closing loopholes; cuts in the level of entitlement spending without much fundamental reform; a freeze on domestic discretionary spending. Mostly, there will be vagueness. The specifics of what exactly will be cut and who will be taxed will not be filled in. You are being asked to support a foggy approach, not a specific plan. You are being asked to do this even though you have no faith in the other party and limited faith in the leadership of your own. You are being asked to risk your political life for an approach that bears little resemblance to what you would ideally prefer.

Do you do this? I think you do. You do it because all the other options are worse. Doing nothing could lead to default and the end of American economic supremacy. The compromise put together by Harry Reid, the Senate majority leader, and Mitch McConnell, the Republican minority leader, that's been floating around is a ploy to evade responsibility. Punting with some small package would spook the markets and reflect dishonor on yourself.

You do it because even though you are unhappy, you see that people on the other end of the political spectrum are also unhappy. If you're a conservative, you see that some liberals, ac-

cording to Barbara Mikulski, are "volcanic" with rage at Obama. If you're a Democrat, you see the Tea Party-types sniping at Boehner and some Republican presidential candidates completely stonewalling a deal. These signs make you feel better. You do it because while the Grand Bargains won't solve most of our fiscal problems, they will produce some incremental progress. We won't fundamentally address the debt until we control health care inflation. But there is no agreement on how to do this, and it's unrealistic to hold up an incremental deal just because no permanent one is on offer. Both Grand Bargains produce real fiscal progress. They aim for \$3 trillion or \$4 trillion in debt reduction. Boehner and Obama have talked about raising the Medicare eligibility age and reducing Social Security benefit increases. The White House is offering big cuts in exchange for some revenue increases, or small cuts in exchange for few or none. The Gang of Six has a less-compelling blend of cuts, but it would repeal the Class Act, a health care Ponzi scheme. It would force committees across Congress to cut spending, and it would introduce an enforcement mechanism if they don't. Sure there's chicanery, but compared with any recent real-life budget, from Republican or Democratic administrations, these approaches are models of fiscal rectitude. You do it because both bargains would boost growth. The tax code really is a travesty and a drag on the country's economic dynamism. Any serious effort to simplify the code, strip out tax expenditures and reduce rates would have significant positive effects – even if it raised some tax revenues along the way. You do it because you know the political climate will be worse for a deal in 2013. If you're a Republican, you know Obama might win reelection, and even if the GOP swept everything, you know your party wouldn't have the guts to cut entitlements unilaterally (that's why the cut, cap and balance bill didn't mention the specific programs that would face the ax). If you're a Democrat, you know Obama might lose, and, even if he doesn't, the Senate will likely tilt rightward. Mostly you do it because you want to live in a country that can govern itself. Over the past few weeks, Washington has seemed dysfunctional. Public disgust has risen to epic levels. Yet through all this, serious people – Barack Obama, John Boehner, the members of the Gang of Six – have soldiered on. They've been responsible and brave. If you're a Democrat, you hate to see domestic cuts. If you're a Republican, you loathe revenue increases, even little ones. But this is the next step in the journey toward economic health. Standing still is not an option. Keep your reservations in mind, but let the mission continue. □

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These are interesting times – and I mean that in the worst way. Right now we're looking at not one but two looming crises, either of which could produce a global disaster. In the United States, right-wing fanatics in Congress may block a necessary rise in the debt ceiling, potentially wreaking havoc in world financial markets. Meanwhile, if the plan just agreed to by European heads of state fails to calm markets, we could see falling dominoes all across southern Europe – which would also wreak havoc in world financial markets.

We can only hope that the politicians huddled in Washington and Brussels succeed in averting these threats. But here's the thing: Even if we manage to avoid immediate catastrophe, the deals being stuck on both sides of the Atlantic are almost guaranteed to make the broader economic slump worse. In fact, policymakers seem determined to perpetuate what I've taken to calling the Lesser Depression, the prolonged era of high unemployment that began with the Great Recession of 2007-2009 and continues to this day, more than two years after the recession supposedly ended.

Let's talk for a moment about why our economies are (still) so depressed.

The great housing bubble of the last decade, which was both an American and a European phenomenon, was accompanied by a huge rise in household debt.

When the bubble burst, home

The lesser depression

construction plunged, and so did consumer spending as debt-burdened families cut back.

Everything might still have been OK if other major economic players had stepped up their spending, filling the gap left by the housing plunge and the consumer pullback.

But nobody did. In particular, cash-rich corporations see no reason to invest that cash in the face of weak consumer demand.

Nor did governments do much to help. Some governments – those of weaker nations in Europe, and state and local governments here – were actually forced to slash spending in the face of falling revenues. And the modest efforts of stronger governments – including, yes, the Obama stimulus plan – were, at best, barely enough to offset this forced austerity.

So we have depressed economies. What are policymakers proposing to do about it? Less than nothing.

The disappearance of unemployment from elite policy discourse and its replacement by deficit panic has been truly remarkable.

It's not a response to public opinion. In a recent CBS News/New York Times poll, 53 percent of the public named the economy and jobs as the most important problem we face, while only 7 percent named the deficit. Nor is it a response to market pressure. Interest rates on U.S. debt remain near historic lows.

Yet the conversations in Washington and Brussels are all about spending cuts (and maybe tax increases, I mean revisions). That's obviously true about the various proposals being floated to resolve the debt-ceiling crisis here. But it's equally true in Europe.

On Thursday, the "heads of state or government of the euro area and the EU institutions" – that mouthful tells you, all by itself, how messy European governance has become – issued

their big statement. It wasn't reassuring.

For one thing, it's hard to believe that the Rube Goldberg financial engineering the statement proposes can really resolve the Greek crisis, let alone the wider European crisis.

But, even if it does, then what? The statement calls for sharp deficit reductions "in all countries except those under a programme" to take place "by 2013 at the latest."

Since those countries "under a programme" are being forced into drastic fiscal austerity, this amounts to a plan to have all of Europe slash spending at the same time.

And there is nothing in the European data suggesting that the private sector will be ready to take up the slack in less than two years.

For those who know their 1930s history, this is all too familiar. If either of the current debt negotiations fails, we could be about to replay 1931, the global banking collapse that made the Great Depression great.

But, if the negotiations succeed, we will be set to replay the great mistake of 1937: the premature turn to fiscal contraction that derailed economic recovery and ensured that the Depression would last until World War II finally provided the boost the economy needed.

Did I mention that the European Central Bank – although not, thankfully, the Federal Reserve – seems determined to make things even worse by raising interest rates?

There's an old quotation, attributed to various people, that always comes to mind when I look at public policy: "You do not know, my son, with how little wisdom the world is governed."

Now that lack of wisdom is on full display, as policy elites on both sides of the Atlantic bungle the response to economic trauma, ignoring all the lessons of history. And the Lesser Depression goes on. □



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- Afterparty with DJ contest
- Football pool with great prices!



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